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Tobacco tax passes Utah House

Cigarettes a taxing habit in Utah

Utah House of Representatives Tuesday passed a bill that would raise the state's tobacco tax 20 cents to 46.5 cents per pack. Legislators said the bill will help reduce teen use of tobacco, the leading killer of Americans in 1990.

Through Feb. 1990

Cigarettes 418,690

Alcohol 105,095

Accidents 46,300

Deaths 30,906

Deaths 29,939

Deaths 24,932

Deaths 9,463

Deaths 4,300



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Smoking and Health, Washington, D.C.

State Cigarette Excise Tax Rates

in cents per pack, as of July 1, 1996

Washington	82.5	Pennsylvania	31.0
Michigan	75.0	Alaska	29.0
District of Columbia	65.0	Idaho	28.0
Rhode Island	61.0	Utah	26.5
Hawaii	60.0	New Hampshire	25.0
Arizona	58.0	Delaware	24.0
New York	56.0	Kansas	24.0
Massachusetts	51.0	Ohio	24.0
Connecticut	50.0	Oklahoma	23.0
Minnesota	48.0	New Mexico	21.0
Illinois	44.0	Colorado	20.0
North Dakota	44.0	Louisiana	20.0
Vermont	44.0	Mississippi	18.0
Wisconsin	44.0	Montana	18.0
Texas	41.0	Missouri	17.0
New Jersey	40.0	West Virginia	17.0
Oregon	38.0	Alabama	20.5
California	37.0	Indiana	15.5
Maine	37.0	Tennessee	13.0
Iowa	36.0	Georgia	12.0
Maryland	36.0	Wyoming	12.0
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Florida	33.9	Kentucky	3.0
South Dakota	33.0	Virginia	2.5
Arkansas	31.5		

graphic by Josh Smith

Senate must pass bill before tax increase

By RYAN GEORGE
Universe Staff Writer

The Utah State House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday, 56-17, that may raise the state tax on tobacco 20 cents per pack, if the bill passes through the Senate.

The House also earmarked \$250,000 for a one-year anti-tobacco media campaign that would focus on prevention, cessation and education.

State Senator Robert Montgomery will sponsor the bill when it is brought to the floor of the Senate.

House Bill 27 was originally drafted by Rep. Jordan Tanner of Provo. His bill had two purposes: to decrease the amount of teen-age smokers in Utah and to generate money for tobacco-related medical costs that have caused substantial increases in health care for years, Tanner said.

Tanner's bill called for a 25-cent increase as opposed to the 20-cent increase that passed yesterday.

"By raising it 25 cents, we're actually causing some cost-conscious teens to quit smoking," Tanner said.

Nearly 30,000 youth in Utah use tobacco, reports the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Utah. They project that a 25-cent

increase in the cigarette excise tax will lower teen-smoking rates by more than 14 percent. It will also lower adult tobacco use by six percent.

Much of yesterday's debate on the House floor was centered on where the \$15-16 million expected to be generated by the tax will be spent.

House democrats specifically argued that the funds should be earmarked for anti-tobacco educational programs, tobacco prevention and health and Medicaid programs, said Eric Smith, the BYU legislative intern to Tanner.

Although some citizens have expressed concerns to their Representatives that too much of the money would be spent on road reconstruction, it was generally understood that at least a portion of the money would end up helping to pave roads to prepare the area for the Olympics, Smith said.

"It's put into this huge general fund, and you just can't say what money was spent where," Smith said.

"If the appropriations committee doesn't put money into tobacco-related programs, they will be committing political suicide," Smith said.

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Name is eternal link, Elder Perry says

By BARBARA R. ACKROYD
Universe Staff Writer

Honor the name you have been given by remembering your ancestors and keeping a family book of remembrance, Elder L. Tom Perry said at Tuesday's Devotional.

In his talk titled "The Value of A Good Name," Elder Perry said, "The name we have been given is special because it blesses us with a heritage by which we can receive the great promise of the Lord to his children, even the gift of life eternal."

The first lesson taught to the Prophet Joseph Smith by Moroni was the necessity of families being sealed together, Elder Perry said.

Elijah brought the sealing power to bind on earth that which will be bound in the eternities to come, making it possible to perform the ordinances of the gospel for both the living and the dead, Elder Perry said.

"This made it possible for the eternal linking of families together," he

said.

"Genealogy," Elder Perry said, "has become the number one hobby in the nation."

The spirit of Elijah is the spirit of family kinship and unity. It motivates the concern to search out ancestral family members through family history, he said.

In 1966 the church announced a priesthood genealogy program, which said a knowledge of the written testimonies and spiritual experiences of family members and of the proved genealogies of the fathers helps families understand the doctrines that pertain to the exaltation of the family.

"Every faithful family should be diligently compiling a Book of Remembrance. In it should be found the story of the family, especially the story of its spiritual life, written by inspiration.

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Brian Merrell/Daily Universe

HONOR YOUR NAME: At Tuesday's Devotional, Elder L. Tom Perry said names bring blessings of heritage. He also stressed the importance of keeping family books of remembrance and personal journals.

Opposition gains control of Belgrade

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia's democratic opposition gained its first major triumph over President Slobodan Milosevic as parliament reinstated its victories today in local elections.

But opposition leader Vuk Draskovic said Milosevic could not be trusted to fully implement the special bill that recognized the opposition's Nov. 17 election wins after months of protests.

The parliament, where Milosevic's Socialists and their allies hold a majority, voted 128-0 to pass the bill today. There were two abstentions.

The bill gave the three-party Zajedno opposition alliance control of Belgrade and 13 other major cities in Serbia. It closed one chapter in the opposition's struggle and opened another — the bid to

drive Milosevic from power in nationwide elections scheduled later this year.

Milosevic is barred by Serbia's constitution from seeking his third term, but the opposition fears Milosevic may use legal maneuvers to stay in power.

Although the parliament was acting on orders by Milosevic, the debate dragged late into the evening. Of the 250 lawmakers, only 130 were present. The opposition boycotted the session, and the ultranationalist Radical Party also skipped the vote.

Regardless of the vote, the opposition says it won't stop in its drive to chip away at Milosevic's power. Some 30,000 students were on the streets today to prove their determination, independent Radio Index said.

"Getting all our seats is not enough to satisfy Serbia," said opposition leader Zoran Djindjic. "Our

demands go far beyond."

At first, Milosevic refused to concede the opposition gains, but he relented last week under pressure from the West and after 11 straight weeks of street protests.

The opposition has said it will halt the protests once the bill is adopted. One of its leaders, Democratic party chief Djindjic, is slated to become Belgrade's first non-Communist mayor since World War II.

Zajedno says its next step will be to free the media from government control and gain equal access to state-run television, Milosevic's most powerful propaganda tool during his 10 years in power.

"We expect a lot of problems in trying to free the media," Djindjic said during the 83rd day of protests Monday night.

Y professor to unearth neglected Mayan city

By CHRISTA BUGEE
Universe Staff Writer

In mid-March, a BYU professor and his team will begin a five-year project to unearth a Mayan city in Guatemala.

"We are starting a long-term archaeological dig in Piedras Negras, Guatemala," said Stephen Houston, director of the project. "This is the first season of the project, but I've been planning it for two years."

Houston, a BYU professor of archaeology and a specialist in Mayan hieroglyphic writing and archaeology, estimates 35 workers and 10 archaeologists will be involved in the binational project. The Piedras Negras project is binational because Houston will be working with a partner from Guatemala

while on the dig.

The city of Piedras Negras is located just within Guatemalan territory along the banks of the Usumacinta River on the border of Mexico. Piedras Negras is an impressive city, containing pyramids, palaces and ball courts, Houston said.

The city is one of the largest cities of the classic Mayan civilization. The Mayan civilization began approximately 250 years after Christ and lasted to about 800 years after Christ, Houston said.

Currently, the site of the Mayan city is being threatened by flooding because Mexico has plans to construct dams along the Usumacinta River. The dams could cause the eventual

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Mayan expedition

BYU professor of archaeology Dr. Stephen Houston will lead a five-year effort to uncover the ancient Mayan city of Piedras Negras in the remote jungles of northern Guatemala beginning this March.



graphic by Josh Smith

Congress, Clinton vow to cooperate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a show of bipartisan unity, President Clinton and congressional leaders agreed today to try to balance the budget and to tackle the issues on which they have a common ground.

The agreement is an attempt at compromise in balancing the budget. In 1992, lawmakers said the president would focus on reducing education, moving the clients to jobs, cutting the cracking down on juvenile crime and dealing with the budget of Columbia's widening problems. Bipartisan groups would be formed to seek solutions.

Two sides promised a pro-year — something both Clinton and congressional Republicans want to persuade

think everybody involved that it was an excellent and an excellent meeting," President Al Gore told reporters.

The atmosphere was the best seen in some time," said Clinton. Majority Leader Trent Lott said.

Lott said the two sides want to find "the kind of tension that would slow down progress in areas where we know we eventually find agreement." Lott said little time was spent in which the two parties have dramatically different views, such as overhauling the finance laws.

Lott said there are fundamental disagreements there," he said.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

KSL will start 'Schindler's List' late

SALT LAKE CITY — "Schindler's List" will be broadcast on NBC stations later this month, but on LDS Church-owned KSL it will be shown at a later hour. The Oscar-winning film about the Holocaust is scheduled by NBC to be aired on Feb. 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. That time is "way too early for a young population," said Dave Manookin, vice president for programming at KSL-TV. So the NBC affiliate got permission from the network to delay the broadcast until 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Director Steven Spielberg is overseeing editing of the film for TV, Manookin said, "to modify some of the more sexual, nonhistorical scenes." However, he said, "It's still pretty graphic." NBC will give the film a "TV-M" rating, meaning it is recommended only for mature audiences. In theaters, the movie carried an R rating. KSL executives have not seen the edited version, Manookin said, and may not get the chance. An NBC publicist said the editing process may run nearly until the air date. The movie will run without commercials. The sole sponsor, Ford Motor Co., will air messages before and after, and intermission breaks will show only the movie's title and the Ford logo.

Utah counties to get new area code

SALT LAKE CITY — It's official. Utah will get a second area code beginning in June. The Utah Public Utilities Commission has issued an order that sets up two area codes. The 801 area code will remain in effect for Morgan, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties. All other counties will be in the new area code, which has not yet been given a number. The commissioners conducted public hearings on the matter, and decided that all the numbers in the 801-area would be exhausted by the end of the year if no action were taken. The order was signed Jan. 31. Demand for phone numbers has risen because of fax machines, cellular phones and other new technologies. Callers will be able to use 801 or the new area code until January 18th next year.

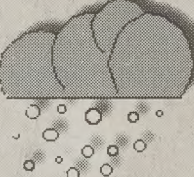
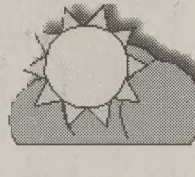
U of U to open \$16 million museum

SALT LAKE CITY — University of Utah officials hope to open a new \$16 million Utah Museum of Fine Arts by late 1999. Fund raising for the project is nearing \$14 million, and museum Director Frank Sanguinetti said he is confident he'll secure the remaining \$2 million. The key donation of \$7 million by developer John Price and his wife, Marcia Poulsen Price, was announced last year. Sanguinetti said he also hopes to raise an additional \$3 million to acquire new artwork. A separate \$5 million has already been pledged for additional education programs, activities and operation costs for the new museum, he said. The museum will be built on South Campus Drive, south of the Art and Architecture center. It will be twice the size of the existing 25-year-old facility. Sanguinetti said the extra space is needed because the museum's collection is growing. The U of U currently has about 15,000 objects, but has only enough room to display 800.


Church drops seminary lawsuit

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dropped its lawsuit against the city of Broomfield, Colo., said church legal counsel Lloyd Poelman. The lawsuit was filed last month after the Broomfield City Council denied the church permission to use a house across from Broomfield High School as a seminary building. Poelman said the lawsuit was merely filed "as a technicality" to preserve the church's right to have the matter reconsidered by the council. "Since they have agreed to reconsider the matter, we have dropped the lawsuit," Poelman said. On Jan. 28, the council voted to reconsider the decision at its meeting on Feb. 25. Poelman said that if the council does not reverse its decision at that time, the church may file the lawsuit again.

Weather

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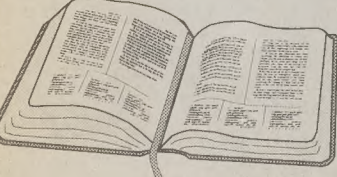


Scripture of the Day

"Cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord; ... let all thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever."

— Alma 37:36

This is Aino Kempainen's favorite scripture because "it pretty much sums up how we should live our lives—counsel with the lord in all our doings and nothing can possibly go wrong." Kempainen is a sophomore from Helsinki, Finland majoring in international relations.



Driver restriction bill voted down by House

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A bill that would have placed additional restrictions on teen-age drivers was killed by the Utah House Tuesday by lawmakers who felt it was an intrusion on parental responsibilities. House Bill 157 would have set up a graduated system that would have severely limited when 16-year-olds could drive. The measure was branded a "complicated bureaucratic solution" that would have raised fees and not resolved the problem its sponsor intended to address — saving young drivers' lives. "We all want to make our highways safer," said Majority Leader Christine Fox, R-Lehi. "But I don't think this is

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flooding of two-thirds of the site, Houston said. The possible flooding makes the study of the Mayan site that much more crucial. Although the Piedras Negras site was discovered many years ago, it has been virtually abandoned for some time. Other than brief visits by hieroglyphic specialists, little work has been done on the site since 1939 when the University of Pennsylvania concluded its fieldwork. "The site has been neglected for 50

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The Center of Disease Control and Prevention reported that in 1990 Utah spent \$114 million in direct medical costs related to smoking. A tobacco tax increase would help pay for some of the money the government spends on tobacco-related health care and insurance, proponents of the bill say. One of the fears expressed by opponents of the bill is that the new tax would cause an increase in crime, encouraging tobacco smuggling from other states. Addressing this fear, Gov. Mike Leavitt said, "It's a logical argument, but one which there is not a lot of evidence to support." Proponents of the tobacco tax have been contacting their supporters for weeks in an effort to get them to write to their representatives and senators and express their opinion on the tax. Some BYU students have received information from such groups as

the way to do it." The bill, sponsored by Rep. Don Bush, R-Clearfield, would have put in place a system by which young drivers would have to prove their abilities. For the first six months after receiving their license, they would have to drive with someone 21 or older in the passenger seat. The next six months would restrict them from driving between midnight and 5 a.m. Bush argued that young hunters are required to undergo a similar apprenticeship "and I'm sure their parents are very apprehensive the first time they turn them loose with a gun. "Yet here we'll turn them loose with the most dangerous weapon of all — an automobile," he said.

years," Houston said. The main reason the site was abandoned is its location. The city is difficult to get to because it is located on the extreme tip of Guatemala, Houston said. The easiest way to gain access to the site is by taking a two to three-day whitewater raft trip along the river, he said. BYU, along with the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, Texas A&M and Cornell are working on the archaeological project. The Piedras Negras project is centered at BYU because Houston is the director of the project.

United Healthcare and the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Utah. Now that the bill has passed in the House, it must go to the Senate where it will move from small committee to the Senate floor. If it passes there, it will be given to Leavitt to be signed into law. Leavitt expressed his approval of the bill in a press conference two weeks ago.

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"It should also contain a genealogy of the family's pedigree chart and family group records so that children may have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of their fathers," Elder Perry said. Those who keep a book of remembrance are more likely to remember the Lord in their daily lives, Elder Perry said. "Journals are a way of counting our blessing and leaving an inventory of these blessings for our posterity," Elder Perry said, quoting President Spencer W. Kimball.

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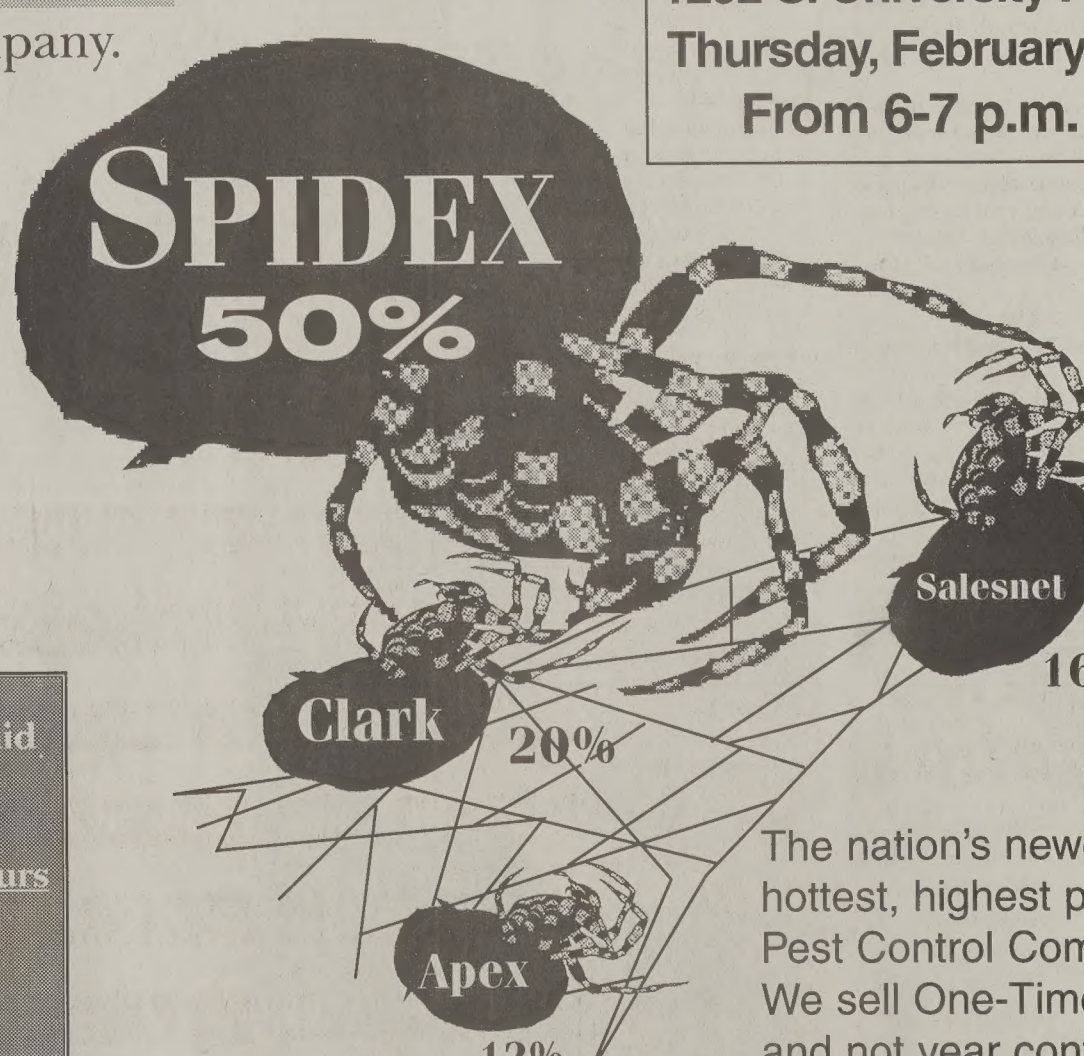


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Exorbitant text book prices investigated by association

University Wire Service

HAVEN, Conn. — In response to recent outcry over discrepancies between general and academic book prices, the National Association of College Stores is mounting an investigation that may lead to a lawsuit against many renowned publishing houses.

Such as the Yale University Press, the Oxford University Press, and Springer Verlag Incorporated, practicing an illegal marketing technique known as "dual discounting" that contributes to the exorbitant prices of textbooks.

Dual discounting — a form of price discrimination — is the distinction publishing companies make between university and non-university bookstores. Bookstores market the same books to academic bookstores, trade bookstores, and to general bookstores as trade books. Trade bookstores will discount trade books 40 percent off the retail price. Textbooks, however, will be discounted 10 percent from retail price.

In other words, students can probably find course books at general bookstores at prices much cheaper than those offered by college bookstores.

To what extent it's hard to tell, but dual discounting definitely contributes to higher textbook prices," said Margo M. S. a private attorney representing NACS.

Small-sized publishing firms and university presses, such as Yale University Press, often employ dual discounting, according to a January article in The Chronicle for Higher Education. The larger publishing houses, however, do not for the most part adopt such measures.

Officials at Yale University Press did not respond to calls yesterday.

"It's a policy we certainly do not favor as a bookseller,

and it puts us in a bad light," said Paul Miserendino, the director of the Yale Co-Op's textbook division.

Miserendino said there have been cases when the same book has had a higher price in the textbook than in the regular section. Upon discovery of price discrepancies, he said the Co-op lowers the price of the textbook to match the trade book's price.

Although claims of price discrimination historically have been difficult to prove, the NACS investigation so far has turned up evidence of publishing companies' nefarious practices, Block said. But, NACS is not ready to name names, she added.

If a lawsuit does materialize, the case will most likely get underway in April, Block said.

The legislation governing all such cases "has many complex jurisdictional and substantive elements" that require a strong burden of proof, said Chris MacAvoy, who heads the American Bar Association's Robinson-Patman Act Committee, which watches over price discrimination.

The Robinson-Patman Act allows companies to charge different prices for the same product if publishing costs vary — for example if books cost more to print in one region than in another.

But in the past, companies such as YUP, OUP, and Springer-Verlag claimed that college students' excessive return rates demand that they raise prices for university bookstores.

But Block discounted validations for dual discounting. "We don't believe there is any cost justification for it. The facts will not bear out that they have higher returns," she said. "Discriminating against college stores is insidious."

Recent protests from college booksellers in NACS chat room spurred their current investigation.

Ecologist to speak on dam project

RALF GRUENKE
Universe Staff Writer

status of Utah's rivers, and people can get involved in the process to preserve them, will be the focus of a talk given by river ecologist Ralf Gruenke.

Gruenke is the president of the Utah River Council, a nonprofit environmental organization, based in Salt Lake City.

He will place a particular emphasis on the proposed development of the Diamond Hollow Dam and the Diamond Fork delivery system.

The proposed Monks Hollow Dam is part of the Central Utah Project, approved by Congress in 1956 to redistribute water for agricultural purposes.

The dam would dam the Diamond Fork of the Bear River in order to divert water to south Utah County and

east Juab County.

"We think, they just want to build it to make money," Frankel said.

He said the project would cost \$280 million, a burden on Utah taxpayers.

Frankel is also concerned about the ecological consequences. The dam would do irrevocable harm to riparian areas.

Other environmental groups in Utah County have joined Frankel's protest against the dam. The Diamond Fork Alliance (DFA) is planning trips to the Salt Lake Legislature, Wednesday and Thursday, to lobby for a bill that will demand the CUP to study the alternative of sending water north to Salt Lake County.

About half of the DFA's active members are BYU students, according to DFA Chairman Kevin Innes. Nick Sefakis, the general manager

of Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City, said the CUP is like a giant jigsaw puzzle in which all the pieces must be in place to complete the picture.

"Not only is there a moral and legal obligation to complete the CUP according to its original blueprint, there also are practical and economic reasons," Sefakis said.

Sefakis said the proposal has always been part of the CUP system and that this should not change.

"We have a commitment to those people in Juab and southern Utah Counties," Sefakis said. "If we start changing the numbers or talk about sending the water somewhere else, we will upset the balance and the cost of water."

Frankel will address these concerns in his talk, Tuesday. For more information contact Eric Vozick at 223-4506 or Julie Mack at 223-4046.

Flu shot shortens sick season

By JILL GUEST
Universe Staff Writer

throats, headaches, body aches, fever, fatigue and weakness are annoying inclinations that the flu season came to a peak in January and numbers are slowly declining, however there are no signs that we are anywhere near the end of the virus is still in our midst," said Dowdle.

It is important that people don't receive their vaccine too early because the antibodies decline within a few months.

"A flu shot is not a guarantee because flu shots are only effective about 85 percent of the time; however, without a flu shot, the only way to 'guarantee' no flu would be to isolate oneself from all human contact," Glezen said.

Other methods of avoidance are washing hands after blowing nose and coughing, and avoiding people who have flu-like symptoms. Basic common sense can help prevent feeling crummy, Dowdle said.

Prescriptions, bed rest, a lot of fluids and maybe even a simple aspirin can bring down fever and reduce discomfort. However, children who catch the flu (or chicken pox) should not take aspirin because it has been associated with Reyes' syndrome and can cause serious health problems.

Paul Glezen, epidemiologist at the Influenza Research Center at the College of Medicine in Waco, Texas, said.

The first step to guard against and stop the virus is receiving a flu shot by the fall.

People in the high risk groups, such as the Flu Center experts recommend the shot as soon as possible on Flu Shot Day," Glezen said. "The shot is usually available beginning in September."

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Israel frees Palestinian prisoners

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel freed 31 Palestinian women prisoners Tuesday after the Supreme Court rejected a final petition from a group whose family members were victims of Palestinian attacks.

The releases came after a year of delays and wrangling and a long day of waiting and confusion.

Two Palestinian officials — legislator Hisham Abdel-Razek and Soufian Abu Zaida, head of the Israel desk in the planning ministry — greeted the women as they left the prison in Tel Mond in central Israel.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, family and friends waited anxiously to welcome the returning prisoners. Yasser Arafat, who was in Ramallah to welcome the women, called the move a good sign for peace with Israel.

"No doubt this will help the relationship between the two peoples," he told reporters.

Seven women had left the prison earlier Tuesday — but one was brought back by her jailers because of the Supreme Court petition, and

three others demanded to be returned to prison in solidarity. Finally, after 11 p.m., all the women were freed.

Aisha Abu-Hazem, who served two years of a 12-year sentence for stabbing a policeman, expressed mixed feelings about her release.

"I'm not happy that I left while there are still prisoners in the prison — and I mean all prisoners, including the men," she said.

About 3,000 Palestinian men remain in Israeli jails, most held on charges of anti-Israeli violence. Arafat said the release of these men was high on the agenda of peace negotiations.

The petition to block Tuesday's releases was filed by a group representing families of Israeli terror victims, which argued that some of the women were not on the original list authorized by the government.

Several of the women released were involved in deadly attacks on Israelis. Benjamin Netanyahu came under severe criticism from hardliners, including his own supporters, for ordering the women freed.

Several dozen protesters carrying signs reading "Freed to kill again"

and "Kill Jews for peace" marched outside Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem. Three demonstrators carried a coffin with a sign reading "Victims of peace."

The prisoner releases were among the promises in the peace accords with the Palestinians signed by Netanyahu's predecessors. As opposition leader, Netanyahu fought bitterly against the agreements, but after his May election victory he said he would honor Israel's commitments to the Palestinians.

The releases of the women were initially set for the fall of 1995, but Israel's president and an army commander at the time refused to pardon five women involved in killing Israelis. The others remained behind bars in a show of solidarity.

The releases were finalized in a Sunday meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat.

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Local concerns that need to be recognized

Prisoners don't deserve to vote

The right to decide what is best for the American people is sacred. Questions about funding, statutes, and who will fill various important positions are answered by popular vote. But not everyone that is voting deserves that right. One group has forfeited that privilege: felons in prison.

Utah is one of only four states that permits convicted felons in prison to vote. If there is anyone in our society that has lost the right to make decisions that affect us all, it's those that have been convicted of serious crime.



Bart Jarman

The Daily Universe

The idea of barring convicts from voting is not new in this country. Most states ban felons not by law, but by provisions in their state constitutions. In the 1970s, the Supreme Court ruled that the states can deny felons the right to vote. Yet, Utah has not taken the initiative to safeguard this sacred privilege.

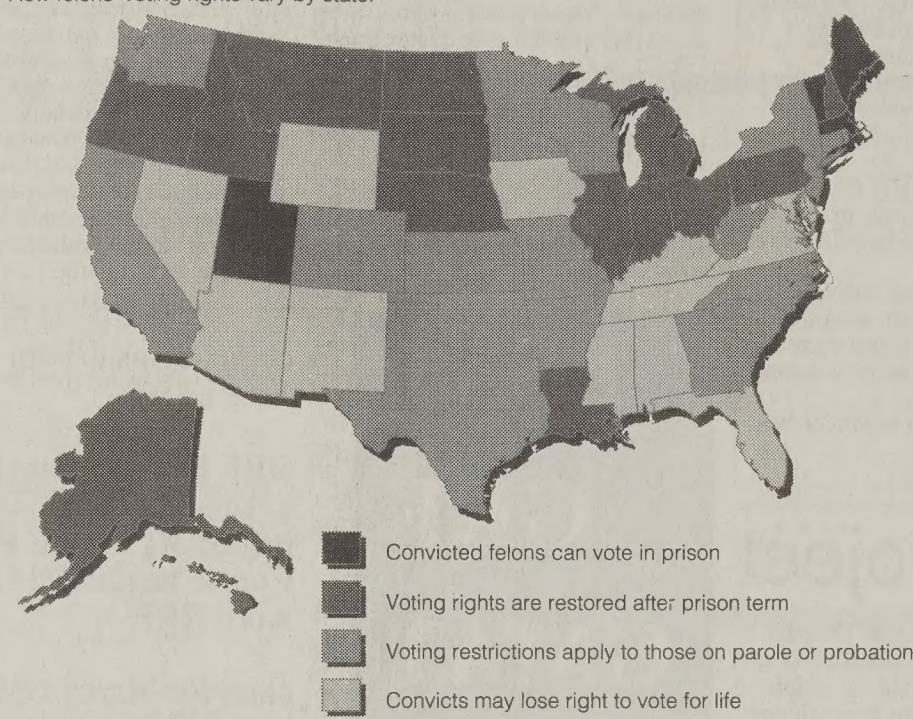
Individuals who choose to violate the law lose many of their rights. Prison restricts freedom, parole restrictions ban firearms for criminals, and prior convictions lead to stiffer consequences. But the right to elect public officials, vote on financial matters and shape the future of our community is still allowed.

Most states have chosen to restrict the voting rights of criminals. In 15 states, the inmates' rights are restored immediately after their release. In 18 other states, the restrictions continue through the parole or probation period. In 13 states, convicts could lose their right to vote for life (Maryland and Arizona ban for life on a second offense).

Banning someone from voicing their opinion

Jailhouse vote

How felons' voting rights vary by state:



for life may be extreme. There must be allowances made for restitution and rehabilitation. Banning voting rights during the parole period makes good sense. The word 'parole' implies a conditional probation where good behavior leads to increased freedom and reinstatement in society. Convicts should have their voting rights fully restored only after they have proven that they are ready to reenter society.

Utah does not need to alter its constitution to restrict the voting rights of criminals. The legislature and the governor have the right to rectify the problem. The time to make the change

is now.

In the past 10 years the prison population has doubled to 1.6 million. That is a huge voting block. Prison inmates are going to have a growing voice in the affairs of law-abiding citizens if restrictions are not made. The power is in the wrong hands.

Legislators need to safeguard this right for those that have earned it, and ban those that have proven that they care little for the welfare of our community.

Jarman is a senior from Salt Lake City majoring in journalism.

Local courts need help

Anyone that's seen a western like the Clint Eastwood classic "Hang 'Em High" knows how bad a court can get, left alone and away from any close supervision, local authorities can commit all sorts of legal atrocities all because they are "the law."

Currently the Utah Judicial Council is deliberating over what they consider to be the modern equivalent of the wild west justice of the peace — the local justice court. After numerous instances of supposed legal ineptitude, Utah justice courts are coming under fire from critics who feel that the time has come to hang this "old fashioned" judicial arm of the law.

Contrary to what pundits argue, the Utah justice courts have not outlived their usefulness. Rather, the justice court system seems to be yet another victim of the state's chronic tendency to ignore effective planning and foresight about vital issues.

Much the same as Utah's disappointing transportation and road system, the justice courts' woes are largely due to insufficient technological investment by the state. A notable example of the state's negligence is the courts' computer and database system.

Most local justice courts lack an easy and comprehensive resource for obtaining a defendant's criminal record. With no definitive record of a defendant's history, local judges' rulings amount to nothing more than a legal shot in the dark for true and equitable justice.

Two years ago, the state considered creating a common database for local justice courts, thus providing a much needed information resource. Unfortunately, this plan was dropped due to petty disagreements among authorities over the location of this information center.

The lack of decisiveness concerning matter has not only impeded justice, cost lives.

Take for example a recent case: A justice court judge issued three suspended sentences and mandatory counseling defendant charged with spousal abuse. Later, the defendant returned home and his wife and himself. Sadly, a criminal database may have changed the outcome aware of the repeated charge the defendant's record, the judge would

given a stiffer sentence that would promptly put that man.

Spread throughout the state over 117 seats, the justice courts help the state's speedy justice.

on a myriad of local cases. Local justice courts, familiar with the issues and legal challenges of their jurisdiction, are immediately needed in meeting out judgement that will be the needs of the citizens they defend.

In addition, by handling cases on the local level, justice court judges decrease the load on district courts that are already overburdened by cases. In short, each justice court forms an indispensable link in the state network of justice. Their existence is only vital for local areas but for the state as a whole.

It is absolutely essential that the Judicial Council act now to provide the justice courts with the necessary technological resources to keep their courts running effectively. Any further delays will prolong the "wild west" condition of local justice courts.

Petersen is a senior from Sunnyside, majoring in English.

Robberies on the rise at area banks

Your money may not be safe, even though you pay service charges to financial institutions for that very purpose. The Provo Police Department reports that the security measures taken by our city banks and credit unions are inadequate. And the number of bank robberies are higher than usual. On average, the city has two or three robberies per year. But that average has already been exceeded in just six months.

Don Bradford, First Security's area manager, told The Daily Herald that the company prioritizes the level of security for each branch according to certain criteria. For example, the number of robberies at that particular branch.

In other words, the bank or credit union that is supposedly keeping money safe, while charging fees for their service, will only increase minimal security if they've been robbed a certain number of times. These institutions should provide the best security possible before they, and therefore their patrons, are robbed at all.

Capt. George Pierpont, head of the investigative department at Provo Police Department, said many banks and credit unions have surveillance cameras, but many of them don't work. And if the police do obtain footage of the robberies from them, the quality is so poor that they can't be used as evidence, or even render a clear picture of the suspect.

As a result, only one suspect has been apprehended out of four robberies in our community in the past six months. And it took two months to catch him because the police were unsuccessful in obtaining evidence through the bank's security system and personnel.

The police report of another one of the four robberies states that the teller had inadequate training and several of the security devices were not even in place.

The alarming fact is the suspects of the four robberies were little or no disguises when perpetrating the crimes. Perhaps these criminals are aware of the poor state of security in the banks and credit unions in our area, and are therefore more confident in robbing them without disguises.

The security chief for First Security Bank Corp. insists however, that they're doing all they can. He told The Daily Herald, "Our job is to protect the assets of the bank ... we have extensive procedures for doing that." But company policy restricted him from elaborating on these extensive procedures.

So we don't even have the comfort of knowing what elaborate procedures are being put into practice. If using dye packs loaded in bait money — designed to stain the suspects — is one of those procedures, ignorance may well indeed be bliss. In only one of the reported robberies, at the Beehive Credit Union at the end of last year, did the dye packs actually work.

And if the money isn't safe, neither are the customers. Capt. Pierpont, in an interview with the Daily Herald, pointed out that when an armed individual walks into an institution to rob it, they enter with a confrontational mind set, adrenaline pumping, and "in most cases, they are just as scared as the victims. So, you don't know what they are going to do."

One very important question remains in this issue. What are the banks and credit unions doing with the finances they extract for their services if it's not used for protecting customers and their money?

Cresswell is a junior from Johannesburg, South Africa, majoring in English.



Michelle Cresswell

The Daily Universe

Lemon laws hurt students

Gripped by the desire to cruise around the teeming streets of Provo on four wheels (versus being a lowly bipedal oddity), students are often taken for a ride by unscrupulous car dealers or fellow students when they purchase a car.

Stories abound among students about buying cars that drive off the lot with effortless ease, only to break down two weeks later needing major repairs. Utah's lemon laws only help those who can already help themselves — the employed. It does not help students and therefore needs to be changed.

Unfortunately Utah's lemon laws drive students deeper into the ominous abyss of debt. To qualify for reimbursement under the Utah lemon law, a car must fit several criteria.

The vehicle must be new and under warranty. The defect must "substantially impair the use, market value or safety of the vehicle." The vehicle must have been in for repairs for the same defect at least four times, or out of service to the consumer a total of 30 days within a one-year period. And the consumer must first go through any informal dispute settlement or arbitration procedure the manufacturer may have established.

Most students buy used cars. However, used vehicles are not covered under Utah's lemon law. One student related an incident in which he purchased a used car from a fellow student, and within one month the brakes went out, the radiator overheated and the car started to consume a quart of oil every 25 miles. This student ended up paying \$1,500 in repair fees, in addition to the \$5,000 he paid for the car.

Time is money, even for the student making

\$5.50 an hour. It is impractical to think that a student, or anyone, can afford to service their car for the same problem four times or wait a total of 30 days before filing a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection in the Department of Commerce.

Even after the complaint is filed, the disgruntled car owner must then furnish two signed and notarized affidavits from two different certified mechanics that have witnessed the mechanical problems or defects along with their complaint.

Even if the consumer's car is then officially declared to be a lemon by the Division of Consumer Protection, the manufacturer has the right to charge the car owner a "reasonable" amount for the use of the vehicle. This added expense usually runs between 10 and 23 cents per mile. Utah's lemon laws persecute the victim and not the person who sold the lemon. After paying for the four service repairs, two mechanic inspections, court fees and 10 to 23 cents per mile the student will be worse off after they are compensated than if they had never bought the car in the first place.

Utah's lemon laws should extend to cover used vehicles, eliminate the 30 days out of service clause, reduce the four service attempts to three, and cap the amount of money the dealer can charge for used miles to only 10 cents.

Students should no longer have to pay such a high price for buying a car they believed to be in good working condition.

Spence is a senior from New York majoring in journalism.



Tamara Spence

The Daily Universe



Readers' Forum

Letters may be submitted at Daily Universe offices, 5th floor ELWC, sent by e-mail (letters@du2.byu.edu) or faxed to 378-2959.

Appleton is no Provo

Ellen L. Jenson
Appleton, Wis.

As a student from Appleton, Wis., I was surprised to see my city mentioned in The Daily Universe on Feb. 5. It interested me to see Appleton compared to Provo. However, a few statements in the article were not quite true, and I'd like to comment on the gang situations in Appleton and Provo.

Appleton is not the small, tranquil, news-less town described in the article. Many noteworthy events have occurred in this town, and many of those events were not tranquil.

Jermaine Gray's death was not the event that made Appleton aware of its gang problem. The murder-suicide of three teenagers forced Appleton to admit that a gang problem existed. The three teens had been members of D-Mac Crew, and had assisted in killing Gray when he didn't pay a drug debt. Two other teens involved in the killing have since been found guilty of the slaying.

Police departments in Utah say there have been few teenage murders here. Do they believe this low number means there is no problem among the teenagers? Marci von Savoye states in her article, "Utah County's nearly invisible teen homicide rate perhaps is proof that already Utah is making prevention efforts; Utah is an example to the rest of the nation." Does she think cities with gang problems don't have prevention programs like the programs found in Utah County?

I remember my elementary school having many programs to prevent anything undesir-

able, such as smoking, gangs, drinking, and drugs. At my high school all hats were banned and jackets were not allowed in class. Did this help? In my opinion, yes, because there were fewer arguments over a specific color.

Salt Lake City has a gang problem. In Wisconsin, gangs migrated north from Milwaukee to Appleton, a two hour drive. Jermaine Gray was not from Appleton, but Milwaukee.

It will not take long before Salt Lake gangs begin coming south to recruit new members. Right now Provo has gang member wannabes, identifiable by baggy clothes, dangling cigarettes, and foul language. Wannabes become real members eventually, and Provo needs to address its probable future problems. In closing, if Appleton is news-less (we're located half an hour from Green Bay), then what is Provo?

Foundation did not hide facts

Edward A. Geary

Director of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies

I am touched by the deep concern of friends from the economics faculty "dismayed" to think that I might have snookered into casting my vote in favor of Academy Square library. I understand now why economics is called "the dismal science."

Perhaps it will set their minds at ease to assure them that I was fully informed of the foundation's intentions in funding from the state legislature to assist in the restoration of the historic Edwards Building. Furthermore, I very much enjoyed the legislature will comply with this request.

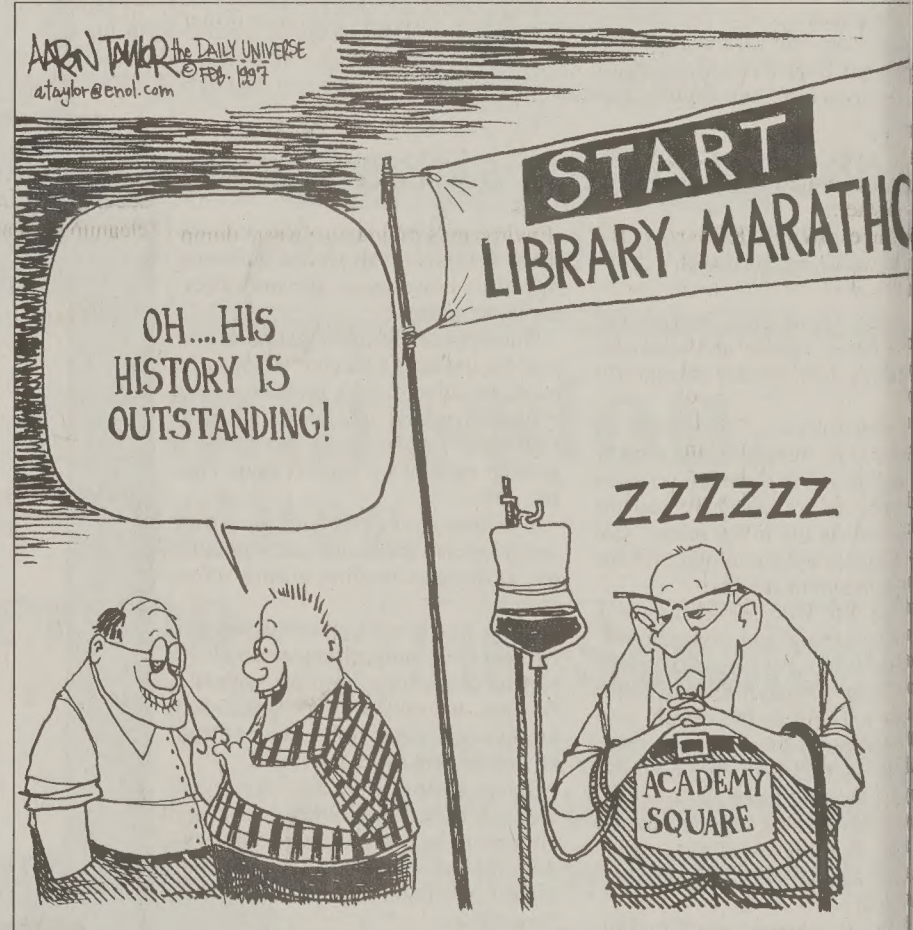
I will be happy to pay the minuscule portion of my state taxes that may be used for a worthy purpose, just as I am happy to pay the minuscule portion of my county taxes that may be used for the preservation and maintenance of the historic Utah County Courthouse. The minuscule portion of my tithe that I will be used for the Provo Tabernacle.

Well preserved and maintained architecture makes a very significant contribution to a city's quality of life, and I am delighted to be a citizen of a community that seeks to build for its future without destroying its rich history.

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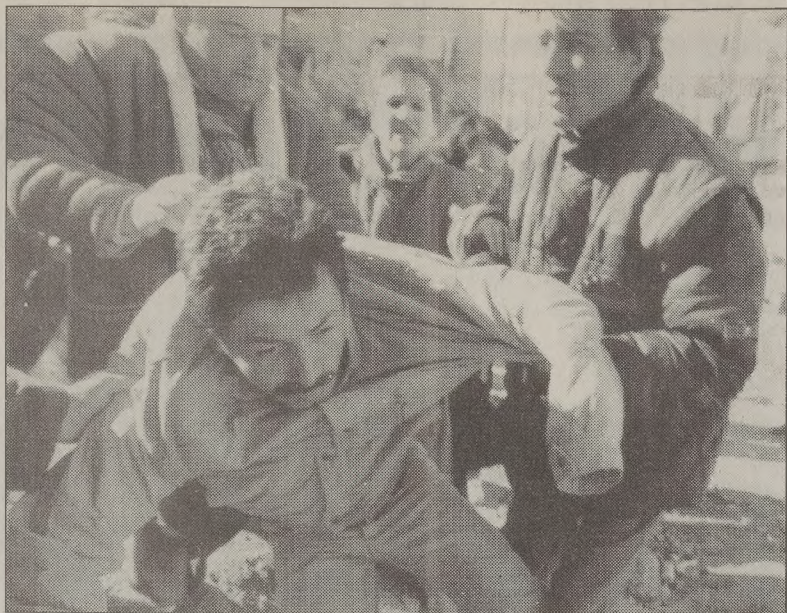
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Protesters bury 1st riot victim

Associated Press



AP Photo

YOU'RE OUTTA HERE! Plain clothes police in Tirana drag away an anti-government protester Feb. 8 after breaking up several attempts by protesters to gather in the city. Demonstrators demanded their money back after losing it in ill-fated investment schemes. Protesters buried the first fatality from the riots Tuesday.

Outside Vlorë, burning tires and wood still smoldered Tuesday from a half-dozen roadblocks and bonfires. In the evening, 5,000 people marched in from the town of Fier, 20 miles away, joining Vlorë residents on the streets. Traffic was chaotic.

Some marchers went to the building where Rustemi lived, and stood outside his second-floor apartment, holding candles and burning lighters in a sign of respect.

A local TV station showed film of the funeral, and people crowded around TV sets to watch.

In the capital of Tirana, Prime Minister Alexander Meksi announced a partial state of emergency Monday, saying parliament would pass a law allowing the army to be brought in to protect Vlorë's port and other key public places. The law could apply to other towns if rioting spreads.

The Republican Party, a small coalition partner of the Democrats, announced Tuesday it was leaving the government and called on the Democrats to quit.

Their departure embarrasses but does not threaten the government — the Republicans have only two seats in the 140-seat parliament to the Democrats' 122.

Socialists, the largest opposition party, called on Berisha to fire local police, top Interior Ministry and intelligence officials and to prosecute them for using violence against protesters.

It also accused Berisha and Meksi of trying to retain power "even at the cost of blood and terror."

For decades, Albania was the poorest country in Europe, but it had made some economic progress since Communist rule ended in 1991-92. However, economists now say much of that progress was based on the shady investment funds.

The schemes paid off early investors with the proceeds of those who came later, and collapsed when the flow of new capital ran out.

The government has promised a partial payoff, but that effort — begun last week — reached only a small portion of Albania's 3.2 million people.

City council discusses new ballpark

By TRAVIS MURDOCK
Universe Staff Writer

A new baseball park was considered by Provo City Council at a study meeting Tuesday. The council studied possible sites and plans for the proposed park, which would house a local minor league team.

According to Mayor George Stewart, the principle site considered is adjacent to the Seven Peaks property where the proposed ice sheet will be built. Stewart hopes to purchase one acre from Seven Peaks and about four-and-one-half acres from an adjoining property. The approximate total acreage for the park would be five-and-one-half acres.

"This is the best site in the city. If we build a park, we will get a team, and 50 percent of the citizens say they will attend games," Stewart said.

Provo City must resolve many issues before it can build a new park. After finding a team, the city must find a way to pay for the new park. Stewart believes Provo City can build one of the best parks in the nation for \$7 million. One million dollars has been pledged by Nuskin and another \$500,000 by other government entities. Stewart plans to raise another \$2 million through bonds to be paid back with the new hotel taxes.

"The hotel tax will pay for \$4 million

in bonds according to current plans. Two million will pay for the new ice sheet and the other \$2 million will pay for the ballpark," Stewart said.

Stewart hopes to raise the remaining \$3.5 million with private donations and investments. BYU has agreed to let the city use its resources to raise the remaining money — including soliciting successful past BYU baseball players, said Stewart.

The Provo City Council also discussed the need for improvements to the storm drain system at their planning meeting. Improvements to the current

system may require the city to raise use fees by \$2 to \$3 a month.

"When a storm drain fails, the whole city pays in overtime, cleanup and damage. We cannot ignore this problem and put it off for another council to resolve. If we have another wet year, we will have a flooding problem with the current system," said Shari C. Holweg.

"We are chasing our tails. I know people don't see the storm drain system everyday, but we must work this out."

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Envirocare combats tarnished image

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Envirocare has hired Eddie Mahe, a D.C.-based political consultant, to help the company restore its tarnished image by revelations of its ownership.

Envirocare owner Khosrow B. Mahe said Eddie Mahe and his firm will help with damage

to the company's image wherever we feel it has been treated unjustly and where we have bad information given to the public," Mahe said. "He'll counter negative publicity, and make the good side of Envirocare is known in the way it should be."

Mahe's Attorney General's office is investigating the relationship between Semnani and Larry H. Mahe, the former director of the Utah Division of Environmental Control.

Mahe admitted in court filings that Semnani paid Anderson \$1 million in cash, gold coins and real estate while Anderson was making decisions about Semnani's company. Semnani said Anderson paid him the money, but Anderson said it was legitimate consultant fees.

Mahe has been a consultant to Utah Republican politicians, including former President George W. Bush, who has Utah ties and was active

last year in trying to salvage former Rep. Enid Greene's political career.

Mahe also has past ties to Gov. Mike Leavitt. He advised Leavitt during his campaigns for the state's highest office, and worked for the political consulting firm Leavitt ran in the 1980s.

Envirocare's radioactive waste dump 75 miles west of Salt Lake City is the only privately owned facility of its kind in America.

The Semnani-Anderson scandal, revealed in a civil lawsuit Anderson brought last fall, has subjected Envirocare to considerable public scrutiny.

Bud Scruggs, former chief of staff to Gov. Norm Bangerter and a friend of Mahe since the mid-1980s, said Mahe is considered to be more of a business consultant than a political adviser.

"He's just very good at helping corporations understand what their objectives are," Scruggs said.

"What Eddie's really trying to help us out with is the onslaught of competitors out to attack us (and) the ongoing misinformation tide," said Charles Judd, vice president of Envirocare.

Semnani declined to reveal how much Mahe's services will cost Envirocare.

The 8-year-old hazardous waste storage and disposal company in 1996 enjoyed its best year yet, doing almost \$80 million in business, according to

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Last month was its best January on record. Company officials say that despite bad publicity Envirocare continues to do brisk business.

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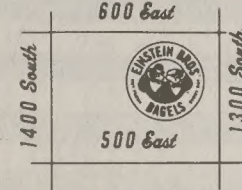


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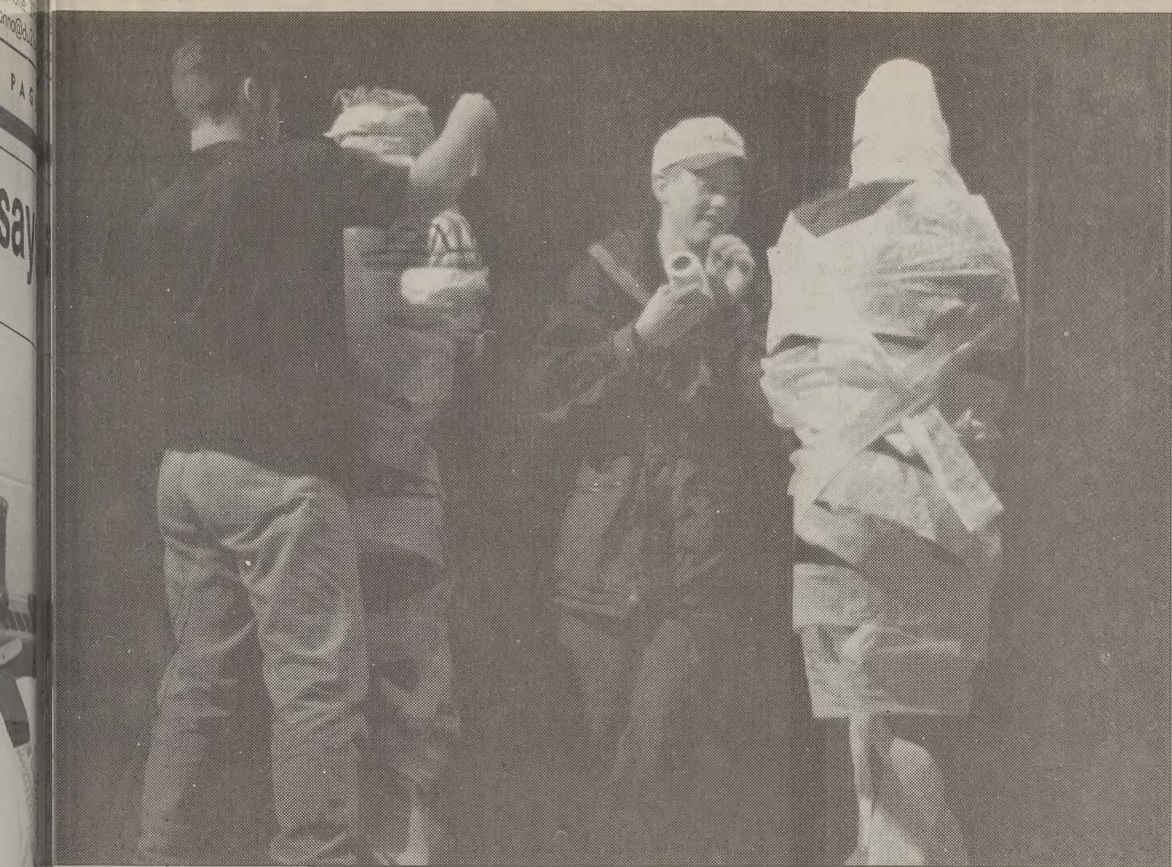
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Want my mummy!

Ben Jenkins, a visiting Ricks College student, and Brent Cannon, a freshman open major from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., in toilet paper before U2's "Rattle and Hum" movie Friday. The winner of the mummy contest received free movie passes at the Varsity. The Varsity is located in the Wilkinson Center.

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Big Band to provide romantic setting

By JESSICA RIPPLE
Universe Staff Writer

If you're willing to take a chance on love, the Service Leadership Involvement Center has a Valentine's Day activity for you.

The annual Big Band Night is Feb. 14 in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Garden Court and the dance starts at 8:30 p.m. in the ballroom.

Ray Smith's Orchestra and the BYU Ballroom Dance Company will provide the entertainment.

"This activity brings classy entertainment to BYU students and community," said Justin Anderson, co-director of Big Band Night and a senior from Merced, Calif. majoring in marketing. "This is a perfect opportunity for clueless boyfriends."

Ray Smith's Orchestra has been playing in Provo for years, Anderson said. "Most established community members enjoy and respect his band," Anderson said. "It's very popular — they are talented musicians." Smith's band plays everything from waltz to the cha-cha to the fox trot.

Also performing will be the BYU Ballroom Dance Company. Individual members of the dance team will also provide dance instruction. "It's going to be exciting. Everyone knows their reputation worldwide," Anderson said.

Mary Sweat, student activities coordinator for the SLIC, said the purpose of this activity is to appeal to the many different audiences and populations on campus and in the community.

"There is definitely a population that enjoys ballroom dance. We are targeting that population," Sweat said.

Heather Ashby, co-director and a sophomore from Denver majoring in special education, said this dance helps to bridge the gap between age groups and it lets everyone enjoy music from the past.

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Symposium seeks student participants

By MARY WILLIAMS
Universe Staff Writer

David O. McKay School of Education and BYU-Public School Partnership invites students and faculty to attend the Second Annual International Research Symposium.

The symposium offers students the opportunity to discuss and professionally present research information.

The BYU Partnership is a consortium of all the school's in Utah. Each year, they get together to present and discuss research papers.

Largaret Martinez, public relations representative of the event, said around 80 papers will be presented at the symposium.

Students in presenting their research at a professional conference will receive a certificate of achievement. The choice, ten of the papers will be selected and the graduate-student papers will each be given stipends of \$100 from the David O. McKay School of Education.

The symposium will also offer various opportunities for sharing research on learning and teaching.

According to the press release, there will be more than 60 presentations by faculty, students, public school teachers and other educators.

Chavez said the symposium will provide a warm, informal academic environment for presentation and discussion of current research and ways to improve teaching and learning in various educational settings.

The symposium's session topics include Writing for Conference Presentations and Publication in International Education and Partnership Evaluation.

The symposium is Feb. 13 at the Conference Center in the Main Building from 1 to 6 p.m.

The symposium is free; however, students must register. Registration is at 12:30 p.m., and a light lunch will be served at 6 p.m. For additional information, contact Mary Parent at 224-2535.

Foreign language videodiscs to teach schoolchildren

By CHRISTA BUGEE
Universe Staff Writer

Ten years ago, secondary languages were introduced to middle school students, but recent studies show that the best age to learn a foreign language is before the age of six.

This new research has influenced the introduction of foreign language instruction into elementary schools across the nation. The ability to learn a second language is highest between birth and six years, said J. Madeline Nash in the Feb. 3 edition of Time magazine.

After the age of six, the brain undergoes a steady and inexorable decline. It is clear that foreign languages should be taught in elementary school if not before, Nash said.

The studies on how a child's brain develops show that the human brain comes "pre-wired" to learn a language and that a rigid timetable consisting of "windows of opportunity" define the ages when a child is most readily prepared to learn a language.

In response to the studies, the Instructional Technology Center of BYU's media services has completed the third in a series of linguistic videodiscs. The videodiscs were created for classroom use.

The most recent videodisc was designed to help the elementary students in the Alpine school district learn Russian.

"The product is quite unique," said Curtis Fawson, director of the Instructional Technology Center. "It's geared for teachers who don't speak the language."

Two other videodiscs have been produced by the ITC for Chinese and Korean. Funding for the videodiscs was received from the Alpine school district through a grant from the U.S. Office of Education.

The videodiscs provide instruction on Russian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Arabic. The videodiscs are being marketed by a local company in Provo, called Key Media Technologies, Fawson said.

The videodiscs will be distributed to schools around the state and plans are being made to market them both nationally and internationally.

"We took the videodiscs to a conference in Philadelphia and it had excellent reviews," Fawson said.

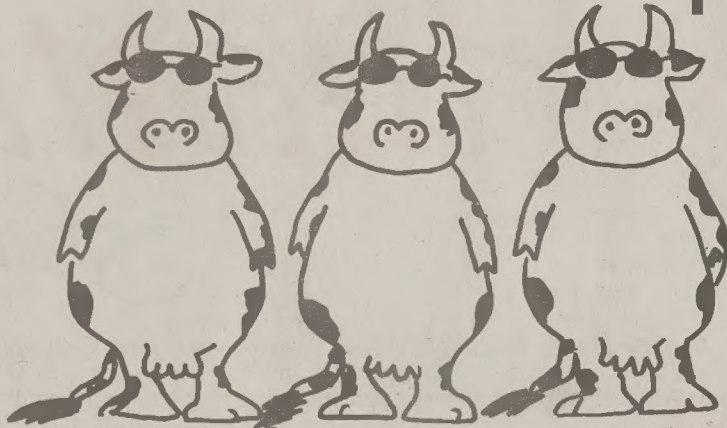
The advantage of using a videodisc player over a VCR is comparable to the advantage of using a CD over a cassette. There is no need to fast forward or rewind to find a particular place on the disc.

Each videodisc has 54,000 frames on each side of the disc which can be accessed by a menu or bar code. The teacher's manual contains bar codes for each critical video segment for each of the 50 to 60 lessons.

The videodiscs are fairly inexpensive to use because it only requires a videodisc player and a standard television. "A videodisc player costs anywhere from \$400 to \$600," Fawson said.

"The target market for the videodiscs are elementary schools," Fawson said. The designers and producers of the videodisc are Todd Stubbs, Jim Brughelli, Joel Galbraith, Glen Anderson, Troy Sales, Bjorn Pendleton and Manny Hull, with Curtis Fawson as executive producer.

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What does it mean to have integrity? Elder Russell M. Nelson describes integrity as "the state of being unimpaired. Integrity also means incorruptibility." In other words, to have integrity is to be complete or whole. It is also to be untainted by outside factors. Elder Nelson compares integrity to a parachute with many anchoring qualities. If one of the cords of the parachute breaks, the integrity of the parachute is compromised, and additional strain is put on the other cords. Fortunately, integrity, like a parachute, can also be repaired.

There are many qualities that comprise our integrity, such as honesty, chastity, and virtue. Our attitudes towards the commandments and the covenants we have made can help us in a self-assessment of our integrity. We can also ask ourselves how we feel about the Sabbath day, the Word of Wisdom, cheating, or modesty, to name a few examples.

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Daniel Carr

Lecture to offer peek of Masada exhibit

By BECKY EVANS
Universe Staff Writer

A sandal that dates back to the time of Christ, oil lamps that are similar to what the 10 virgins would have used and coins similar to those described in New Testament parables are all part of an upcoming Masada lecture.

"Masada, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the World of the New Testament" is the title of the lecture that will be given by John W. Welch, co-director of the Masada exhibition project.

The lecture, which takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Harris Fine Arts Center's Pardoe Theater, is presented by BYU's Museum of Art in conjunction with the upcoming Masada exhibition.

Masada is a mountain fort in the Judean Desert of Israel overlooking the shores of the Dead Sea. The dramatic story of 960 Jewish zealots who chose to take their own lives rather than subject themselves to the Romans will be depicted in the exhibition.

The sole surviving remnants of the Masada "last stand" are simple artifacts recovered from the fortress.

"We hope that each ancient artifact or modern explication will give the reader concrete images and new insights that will enrich the understanding of the individual passages as well as the overall context of many details mentioned in the New Testament," Welch said.

Every artifact in the exhibition helps to depict and define the time period of Masada and first century Palestine. Artifacts like sandals

found at Masada are no doubt similar to sandals worn by John the Baptist, Jesus and his disciples.

Seeing these fragmented, modest objects transport the viewer back into the world of the New Testament is what makes the exhibition exciting and rewarding for Welch.

Once viewers of the exhibition see oil lamps found at Masada, they will possibly be able to better understand the parable of the 10 virgins, Welch said. Welch will speak in more detail about the world of the New Testament and how the exhibition will help the viewers understand this time period at the upcoming lecture.

Welch is the exhibition's co-director and has produced the English edition of the Masada catalog. The catalog includes beautiful photos and informational text explaining the importance of individual pieces of the collection.

During his first trip to Jerusalem, Welch saw the Masada exhibition at the Hebrew University. He was immediately eager to have BYU house the exhibition. Welch was traveling in the Holy Land with WordPerfect-founder Alan Ashton, who committed at that time to assist financially in bringing the exhibition to BYU.

This is the first time that the exhibition has left the Holy Land and it will likely continue on to different art, history and university museums throughout the country.

Included in the exhibition are fragmented pieces of scrolls that were found at Masada. These scrolls, 14 in all, were brought to Masada by people fleeing Qumran.

Qumran is well-known because it



Photo courtesy of John W. Welch

PORTAL TO THE PAST: These caves in Qumran, Israel, housed the Dead Sea Scrolls for nearly 2,000 years. John W. Welch, co-director of the

upcoming Masada exhibition, will present a lecture on how ancient artifacts can help museumgoers understand the New Testament better.

was there that the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

A pot that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in will also be shown during the exhibition. This pot is owned by the LDS Church, Welch said.

Welch is a Law School professor and serves as editor in chief of BYU Studies. He founded the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies in 1979 and has published many books and articles on scriptural topics.

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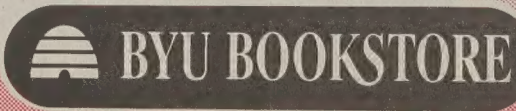
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Sounds of Loomer ethereal, euphoric

By TERI L. BROWN
Universe Staff Writer

Lava lamps, antique chests, red Christmas lights and static TV sets with Loomer logo stickers on them create a mood and special ambiance for Loomer's effects-laden show.

Loomer is introducing a British influenced style of music to Provo that "stirs the subconscious and moves the mind, not the body," said lead singer and guitarist Jason Gough, a senior majoring in journalism from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Loomer's music is not mainstream and probably will never be. "Our music creates a euphoric experience, as well as an emotional mind trip. I get a thrill when I see someone in the audience with their eyes closed," Gough said.

"Loomer is the moment between sleep and consciousness, right before dreams creep in. The music of Loomer is the theme to an ethereal journey into the realms of the unknown," Gough said.

"It's a style people have not been exposed to. I think most would agree it's distinct and we can't really be compared to anyone locally," he said.

Universally, Loomer can be compared to British bands "Ride," "Verve" and "Slow Dive." These are some of Loomer's main influences.

It is not an insult if people don't get up and dance at Loomer's shows. "There is a tendency for local bands to get up and rock out on stage. We aren't afraid to put people to sleep," Gough said.

Loomer has taken a non-conventional approach. They have worked to create a whole visual representation through their stage set-up, art work and mood music.

"We are trying to run an effective business. Our marketable product is our music. We believe in our music," said bassist Rob Turner.

"We can listen to our music over and over again and not get sick of it," Turner said.

Simplicity works well for Loomer's effect-laden and processed sound.

"If our music was too complex, our melody would get drowned out and our distinct sound would be lost," Gough said.

"The special effects and processing provides a fuller sound too," Turner said.

Because Loomer is only a three piece group, the fuller sound is needed.

Collectively, Loomer produces all original music.

Gough writes the lyrics and significant melody.

"People have told us they can't understand or hear our lyrics. We are more concerned with the melody of our music," Gough said. "This is not to say my lyrics aren't important. They have meaning and significance and we are trying to get them more up front and clear."

Drummer Doug Dean has different influences than Gough and Turner. The different influences add to the band.

"Being in a band is all about communication and compromise. You have to be able to take constructive criticism," Dean said. Dean's talent works well with the sounds of Gough and Turners.

MTV is piloting a show featuring regional-local bands and has shown interest in Loomer's material. Loomer is hoping to be chosen and featured on MTV along with other bands from the region.

Loomer wanted to do something different than what the local band scene is doing. They have successfully created a unique representation and distinct sound they hope people will come experience.

Loomer has performed numerous times in Provo this semester and traveled to Rexburg last year. They are playing Saturday at the Station at 9 p.m.

Scotland, skiing inspire exhibits

By KIMBER KAY
Universe Staff Writer

scot slopes and English novels are subjects of artists featured at the David Chaplin Art Center in Park City.

David Chaplin and Linda Lee

exhibits opened Friday.

David Chaplin, a Park City native,

inspired inspiration from an English

novel, "The Five Red Herring

ings and the Five English

by Dorothy L. Sayer. The

is set in Scotland between the

and World Wars.

Chaplin uses color well to illus-

the novel. "Color is embraced

larger process of design," he

But design comes right only

color is right."

Chaplin paints bright cartoon col-

like orange and purple next to

other to make the colors more

ant. Horizontal lines divide the

pictures into halves or thirds. The characters are given stereotypical comical expressions.

First, he uses thick broad strokes with lots of texture, and then red "straight from the tube," to roughly outline his subjects. The result is an eye-catching visual novel that draws the viewer into the story.

"The Five Red Herringings ..." is Chaplin's favorite book. He said he had been mulling over the idea of illustrating the book for a few years. A trip he took with his wife to Scotland set the whole project in motion. They visited the town described in the novel, and rode their bicycles along the dirt roads just as the characters in the story.

Chaplin said he began to form ideas in his mind about how he could bring the story to canvas.

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Culturgram sales hit \$1 million

By SARALEE HUNTSMAN
Universe Staff Writer

Kennedy Center Publications hit the \$1 million mark in culturgram sales for the second time on Feb. 5, making it the earliest date for this goal to be achieved.

Due to the early achievement, Managing Editor Grant Skabelund estimates sales to go beyond 1.5 million this year.

"We are a unique niche in this market," said Assistant Editor Lisa Ralph.

A culturgram is a four-page brochure that focuses on a country's cultural aspects of greeting, diet, religion, holidays, etc. It does not focus on hotels, restaurants or other tourist information.

Ralph said the purpose of culturgrams is to educate — it is not a tourist publication.

The center has completed a total of 154 culturgrams this year. They have reviewed countries ranging from France to the more obscure island of Niue located in the South Pacific.

Ralph attributes their success to the expanding market. "The word is getting out," Ralph said. "People can't get this kind of information unless they have been in the country themselves."

Ralph said the culturgram's reputation of quality and accuracy continues to expand.

"Our goal is to get the most current and accurate up-to-date information (about the country)," Ralph said.

A United States Air Force chaplain was impressed with the culturgrams.

"Before we found culturgrams we tried to find research about certain countries and their people in libraries and encyclopedias, but we found very little compared to what is in culturgrams."

— U.S. Air Force Chaplain

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Skabelund said the center works with people from all over the world — native and non-native. They

also solicit for reviewers through the Peace Corps organization.

Ralph said each reviewer must meet a set criteria before they are allowed to write about the country. The reviewer must have an excellent knowledge of the language, be well-traveled in the country and have lived there for at least two of the past four years.

"In working with reviewers each year, I have gained an appreciation of the entire culturgram process," Ralph said.

With the increased awareness and growth of culturgrams, Skabelund said they have developed a very good relationship with distributors.

"We have worked out an agreement with Highsmith (the distributor) — they buy from us and resell them to the library market. Close to one-third of the volume is coming from them," Skabelund said.

The publication of culturgrams is self-supporting because they gain revenue from sales. The center sells to a diverse market including schools, international businesses and the Southern Baptist Church for their missionaries.

"We hope culturgrams will stay here at BYU, but we are getting to the point where decisions need to be made concerning our growth," Skabelund said. "We have risen to a new level."

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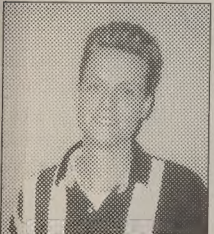
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Show to present Bard's costumes

By SARALEE HUNTSMAN
Universe Staff Writer

The Utah Shakespearean Festival Costume Cavalcade will bring more than 50 costumes from Shakespeare's plays to BYU Thursday.

"It is the only show of its kind in the United States," said Wendy Armagnac, director of marketing and public relations.

The one-hour fashion show will present costumes dating from the time of Shakespeare's King Lear up until the death of Queen Elizabeth I. All of the costumes have been historically researched to accurately portray the fashion found in specific time periods.

"The show is what we do best — depicting certain periods in history," said Donna Law, audience development director.

Eric Fielding, the chair of the department of theater and film, said this will be the first time in many years that the cavalcade will make it back to BYU.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for students who are interested in theater, costumes, fashion and Shakespeare to see this presentation," Fielding said. "It gives us a glimpse of our civilization through fashion and theater."

Law said the cavalcade will feature a myriad of new costumes. The cavalcade originated in 1968 and many of the costumes are the originals from the first show.

Armagnac said a lot of time and money has gone into remaking

the costumes and adapting them for travel. Some of the older dresses still had hooks and eyes that had to be replaced by zippers.

Fred C. Adams, the narrator and founder of the Costume Cavalcade, said in a press release, "Costumes are but the clothing that we wear or have worn in the past, and by looking closely at clothing styles and trends of other times and cultures, we can better understand the people and events of our history."

The show will feature costumes from "Hamlet," "Taming of the Shrew," "Henry VIII" and much more. The Cavalcade will also include a lighter duplicate of the 300-pound coronation gown worn by Queen Elizabeth I.

"If you are into what fashion is and why history created fashion, you will find the cavalcade very intriguing," Armagnac said.

The Costume Cavalcade goes on the road each year to promote the festival and to raise funds for Southern Utah University theater arts scholarships. They have traveled to Arizona, Las Vegas and many places in Utah, including the governor's mansion.

"If you have never seen it or even if you have, I'm sure you're not going to want to miss this opportunity," Fielding said.

The Costume Cavalcade will be presented in the Pardoe Theater of the Harris Fine Arts Center Thursday at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

4 choirs give sampling of coming year

By ASHLEY BAKER
Universe Staff Writer

Tuesday's performance of the Winter Choirfest in the de Jong Concert Hall was a smattering of what BYU's four audition choirs will be doing this year.

Mack Wilberg, conductor of the BYU Concert Choir and Men's Chorus, described the Choirfest as a great mixture, from the profound to the lighter elements.

"You have to have a mix in music," Wilberg said.

The program featured all four of the audition choirs at BYU.

The University Singers began the program with "Wishes For The Cloths Of Heaven," arranged by Wilberg. The text for the piece comes from a poem by William Butler Yeats. It was followed by a motet written by Mozart titled "Come, Ye Peoples," that describes the Savior and His sacrifice. The Singers were accompanied by a group of six-string instruments played by members of the choir.

Spanish poems formed the text of "Cloudburst," a contemporary work by Eric Whitacre, a 27-year-old composer from Nevada. Singers describe a dry, parched landscape to begin the piece. Importuning rain, the Singers chant "la lluvia," which is rain in Spanish.

The Singers concluded their part of the program with an arrangement of the old American folk hymn "Peace Like A River."

Ronald J. Staheli, conductor of the University Singers, tried to arrange the hymn for the choir. Nothing about it grabbed his attention, so he set it aside.

A short time later Staheli lost his son in an auto accident.

As preparations continued for the Choirfest, he came across a different edition of the hymn "Peace Like A River." It contained an additional verse that read "I have pain like an arrow."

"After I lost my son, I found 'pain like an arrow' in my soul, and I then began to understand," Staheli said. "I received a sympathy card from a former student that quoted John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," Staheli said.

"Then it all came together for me. The pain and joy are not separated, they co-exist together in the piece, just as they do in life," Staheli said.

The Concert Choir, led by Wilberg, sang "Saints Bound For Heaven", an American Folk Hymn arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, and concluded with three British folk hymns by Percy Grainger.

The Women's Chorus began with "All That Hath Life And Breath", an cappella number originally arranged for mixed chorus. Tracy Turek, conductor of the BYU Women's Chorus, arranged it for women's voices by raising all the notes one octave. "Women's Chorus has never done anything this improvisational before," Turek said.

"J'entends le Moulin," a French

Canadian piece, was the most technically demanding part of the program by the Women's chorus.

"There's a lot of text, and it moves very rapidly," Turek said.

The Men's Chorus concluded the program. First on the program "Brothers, Sing On!" — "The song of Men's Chorus," Wilberg jokingly.

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Quartet gives symphonic performance

By ASHLEY BAKER
Universe Staff Writer

Fun and entertainment will be the theme of The American Piano Quartet's performance tonight in the de Jong Concert Hall.

The quartet will premiere a work by Robert Bailey called "Thunderbird Rag," written after the style of a Joplin rag-time piece, with some interesting harmonic twists.

Other numbers on the program include several works by Mack Wilberg, a faculty member at BYU who has played for the quartet before.

The quartet was originally formed in 1984. Having four people on two pianos makes for quite a sound. "We think the sound is symphonic," said Jeffrey Shumway, who has been a member of the quartet since 1982.

"Meeting other performers, seeing other cultures has convinced me that music is international. It contributes to peace, love, and the well being of humanity," said Paul Pollei, a member of the quartet.

Pollei said that one of the highlights of his touring with the quartet is when they went to Venice. "We were playing an open air concert, with a full moon and gondolas were going by, and it was very romantic," Pollei said.

liven up the opera performance.

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"It's a hilarious and clever short love scene with a surprise ending that adds something different to the opera evening," Heer said.

The third part of the evening is a conglomeration of famous Broadway show selections.

Extensive knowledge of opera is not necessary to enjoy "Opera for Lovers." The songs will be performed mostly in English by well-known couples including Eric and Martha Glissmeyer and Debra and Barry Bounous.

The ULOS is running specials on tickets to encourage students to come.

"Since we started publicity we have gotten many phone calls interested in getting tickets and an overall really high interest," Hopkins said.

"Tickets sales have gone really well so far and we are expecting a full capacity crowd at the Tabernacle," Heer said.

The ULOS presents "Opera for Lovers," at the Provo Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

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Utah Lyric Opera Society provides Valentine's show

By TERI L. BROWN
Universe Staff Writer

The anxiety of planning the perfect romantic Valentine's evening has been put to rest by the Utah Lyric Opera Society.

This year, the newly organized ULOS presents "Opera for Lovers." The performance is the society's third performance of the season.

"Throughout this year we have found that there is a lot of interest for opera in Utah Valley," said J. Arden Hopkin, general director of the Utah Lyric Opera Society.

Sticking to their mission, the ULOS is composed of well-known singers from Utah.

"We are not trying to compete with any of the professional opera societies in Utah," said Crystal Heer, publicity director. "We want to give local artists the opportunity to perform."

ULOS does not only plan opera shows for people to attend, they have opera training so people can learn how to sing and perform in the operas.

"This year we had about 20 people enrolled in the training and we are hoping for it to increase to around 40 people," Hopkin said.

It will probably take about four years for the society to fully develop, but they are building an audience continually and "feel that, so far, it has been received very well," Hopkin said.

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BYU women tracksters vault into new event

By **DARREN WILCOX**
Universe Sports Writer

Support that takes precise technique and coordination, combined with guts and determination. It's the pole vault, and for three BYU Cougars it's a brand new experience. The Cougar's new crew of female vaulters includes Michelle Baxter, a junior from Woodland, Calif.; Jill Zaugg, a junior from Provo; and Becky Jackson, a senior from Salt Lake City. All three have less than four months of experience, but according to Coach R. Craig Poole, BYU head women's trackster, they are all doing well. Pole vault is a sport that has only been around for the past four or five years. Poole says that this year pole vaulting is still an exhibition event but will be officially sanctioned by the NCAA next year. This year it will be scored at meets like the Big Sky Conference. Poole says that this year pole vaulting is still an exhibition event but will be officially sanctioned by the NCAA next year. This year it will be scored at meets like the Big Sky Conference. Poole says that this year pole vaulting is still an exhibition event but will be officially sanctioned by the NCAA next year. This year it will be scored at meets like the Big Sky Conference.

Both athletes agree, however, that vaulting has not affected their hurdling.

Baxter differs from Zaugg and Jackson, in that her main event is the triple jump. She said that the approaches for the two events are similar, though sometimes she finds herself doing a pole vault approach during a triple jump.

The vaulters practice on their own time, normally before regular practice. This allows them to focus on their other events. The athletes do admit, however, that doubling up is tiring. "We used to practice after regular practice, but we were so tired by then we weren't making progress," said Jackson.

The vaulters receive coaching help from Neil Jensen, a sophomore pole vaulter on the men's track team. Two other vaulters, Alan Gullledge and Matthew McCauley help out as well. "We would be lost without them," said Jackson. Baxter and Zaugg also mentioned how much help the three men have given.

Baxter mentioned visualization as one difficult part of the vault. "It's hard to visualize [the vault] because you go upside down and then have to twist at the right time to go over the bar," said Baxter. "When you have a good vault [though], it's a complete rush."

Jackson said one problem she had was the running approach. "I had a hard time because I'd never done an approach," said Jackson. This was something she said she's had to work on.

As for the key to a good vault, Zaugg said it has everything to do with the mechanics. "You need a good plant with the pole and good straight arms," said Zaugg, who recently returned from an LDS mission in the Netherlands.

Jackson said there is a way to tell if you are vaulting correctly. "If you



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POWER POLES: Three members of the women's track team, Michelle Baxter, Jill Zaugg and Becky Jackson, are the first Cougars to try out track's newest exhibition event: the pole vault — for women.

have the right form, you get a bruise on your wrist from where the pole snaps back and hits you," said Jackson. Bruises are a part of the vault, according to Jackson, who sports several bruises on her shins from hitting the bar.

The three women competed on the vault in Pocatello twice and will return there for another invitational

Saturday. Poole says they are improving nicely, and he is looking forward to next year when the NCAA will sanction pole vaulting as an actual scored event.

For now, the athletes are content to compete against themselves. "I think it's fun," said Baxter. "I'm starting to focus more energy into it, and I'm having more success."

Women's track team qualifies more racers for WAC finals

By **DARREN WILCOX**
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU women's track and field team prepared for the Western Athletic Conference championships by traveling to Nebraska over the weekend to compete in the Husker Invitational.

The team held its own, winning three events and placing in the top three in several others, despite tough competition from top track athletes from around the nation.

Tiffany Lott led the Cougar charge with a record-setting performance in the 60-meter hurdles. Lott's time of 8.08 seconds in the preliminaries shattered the stadium record of 8.36 which was set earlier this month. It was also only 0.1 off the collegiate record of 7.98.

Lott was slower in the finals, but her time of 8.15 was still fast enough to win first place.

"It was nice to have the competition," said Lott, who also said she enjoyed talking to the other runners to keep loose before the race.

Lott also threw the shot put 49-9 1/4, qualifying provisionally for nationals.

R. Craig Poole, coach of the women's track and field team, was pleased with the weekend results. "All in all the team did well, and we are

pleased and proud of them," said Poole.

Courtney Pugmire qualified provisionally in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:38.57 — 20 seconds faster than the qualifying cut-off of 16:58. Pugmire said she was not watching the time and did not take the final until the final 200 meters. "The time was really unexpected," said Pugmire, who has only competed in three or four indoor meets.

In other distance events, Maggie Chan improved on her qualifying time from last week, winning the 3,000 meters in 9:37.71. Melissa Teemant placed third in the mile-run with a time of 4:50.09, only .20 behind the first place runner. Teemant also re-qualified provisionally, but has already run a 4:45 earlier this year.

Melinda Hale placed third in the high jump at 5-10 3/4. The jumper qualified her for nationals, but her year's best is still 5-11 1/2 set at Illinois.

In the 60-meter dash, Milena Alver ran well until she pulled a hamstring on the last five meters. She said if she'd been racing her usual 55-meter event, she would have been fine. But as she stretched for the tape, she injured her hamstring. Alver is planning to compete at the WAC championships Feb. 20-22, but said it will depend on how fast she heals.

Jordan, Pippen wary about return of the Worm

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scottie Pippen says Dennis Rodman cares only about Dennis Rodman. Michael D'Antoni says he and Rodman "have no relationship." Bulls coach Phil Jackson, however, is welcoming the Worm back from his latest suspension. Rodman returns to action tonight as the Charlotte Hornets after sitting out 11 games, kicking a cameraman.

"I'm a very easy person to have on the team. I'm not a lot harder guys to have on the team than you," Jackson said Monday without revealing they might be.

"The thing people don't understand. He works hard. He is never delinquent," Jackson said. "I don't enjoy having to coach the NBA rebounding leader's suspensions in now number three, for a total of 19 suspensions in 18 months with Chicago."

"You get to rely on a person as dominant as he is not available, then it is a problem," said. "We had a brief chat, Dennis and I, to state that there have to be some stipulations to his behavior. We just can't risk the possibility he's not going to be here for the playoffs."

Pippen doubts that Rodman will change at all.

"All I know is that Dennis doesn't give a darn about most things," Pippen said. "I'm not sure he's capable of learning any lessons from his suspensions. I don't expect him ever to change, because if he did, he wouldn't be the Worm, the personality he has invented for himself."

The cross-dressing, hair-dyeing, referee-baiting forward helped the Bulls win the NBA title last season. And Rodman has promised to demonstrate his love for Chicago fans by donating his salary from the next 11 games to charity.

So he'll probably receive a loud ovation tonight at the United Center.

But Jordan and Pippen, the team's stars and leaders, are wary.

What will the Worm do next? Will it be bad enough for NBA commissioner David Stern to banish Rodman forever?

Jordan is prepared for the worst.

While leading Chicago to a 9-2 record during Rodman's latest suspension, Jordan often said the Bulls can repeat as champions without his tattooed teammate. They had a record 72 wins last season even though Rodman missed 18 games due to suspension and injury, and they are a league-best 42-6 this season despite playing 13 games without Rodman.

"We can be better with Dennis. We know that. But we can survive without Dennis. We know that, too," Jordan said. "Our will to win is just as great without Dennis."

Asked what advice he'd give Rodman, Jordan said: "I'd tell him to wear pants all the time."

It was the first time Jordan took a public shot at Rodman's assortment of evening gowns, feathered boas and lingerie.

Pippen, meanwhile, is disappointed that Rodman "knocks the game so much."

"Someday, maybe, he'll realize that he wouldn't have all the movies and books and fans if he didn't have basketball," Pippen said. "He says he doesn't need the game, but it's the game that's made him who he is."

Rodman — who might not start tonight, just as he came off the bench for five games after serving a six-game suspension for head-butting a referee last March — didn't talk to the media after Monday's practice.

Thursday on the "Tonight Show," he told host Jay Leno that he was treated unjustly by Stern.

"It wasn't fair," Rodman said. "I haven't raped anybody. I haven't been thrown in jail. I haven't done this. I haven't done that. Tell me something I've done that's been harmful."

Wrestlers defeat Air Force

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BYU wrestling team defeated the Air Force Saturday night in Colorado Springs, Ore. of 18-15, making their 11th win.

The strongest competitors of the Cougar team was Jose Enrique, a Cougar from Norwalk, Calif. pinned the Falcon's Chris Binkley 4:01.

Smart, a sophomore from Provo, also wrestled a good win, winning 3-1 against the Air Force's Mike Bindereiff.

One of six Western Athletic

Conference wrestlers ranked nationally. He is ranked 7th at 158 pounds and is the WAC wrestler of the week.

John Kelly, Greg Schroeder and Gary Sanderson also wrestled strong to help secure BYU's win against the Air Force.

The Cougar's next challenge will take place on Valentine's day. The team will wrestle the Stanford Cardinals in California.

The Air Force meet statistics are as follows:

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Byrdsong fired as Wildcats' hoop coach

After four seasons with the Big Ten's doormat, Northwestern coach Ricky Byrdsong is being shown the door.

"The university believes the program needs to be headed in a different direction and that it is appropriate to make a change at this juncture," athletic director Rick Taylor said Monday. Taylor said he was disturbed by the team's lack of progress and decided to act after the coach complained that his uncertain future was hampering recruiting.

Byrdsong did not attend a news conference announcing his firing, effective at the end of the season.

He released a statement quoting the Bible: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."

Byrdsong, 40, said in the release that he would let the players decide whether he coaches the Wildcats' final seven games of the season. They next play Thursday at Ohio State.

Byrdsong received national attention in February 1994, when he left the Northwestern bench during a game at Minnesota and wandered into the stands. He slapped hands with Gopher fans and their mascot and took a seat. After a leave of absence, Byrdsong returned as Northwestern's coach.

Taylor said he would begin looking for a replacement immediately.

"We will do a very diligent search and come up with a very good basketball coach," he said.

Saturday's 56-44 loss to Wisconsin dropped the Wildcats to 6-16, including 1-10 in the Big Ten. They are tied for last with Penn State.

The likeable, easygoing Byrdsong became Northwestern's head coach in May 1993, succeeding Bill Foster, who resigned to become interim director of athletics. He is 33-72 with the Wildcats.

Before coming to Northwestern, Byrdsong spent five seasons as head coach at Detroit Mercy. His overall record is 86-159.

Former aide Bickerstaff now Bullets' man

Bernie Bickerstaff was prepared to spend the rest of his professional career in the front office, far removed from the day-to-day pressure associated with being an NBA head coach.

Then the Washington Bullets came calling, and Bickerstaff ended up taking perhaps the only coaching job that could really stir his emotions.

Bickerstaff, who broke into the league as an assistant coach with the Bullets from 1973-1985, signed a four-year contract with Washington on Monday. He replaces Jim Lynam, who was fired last week after the Bullets dipped two games under .500.

"I think we all look for the right opportunity. I feel very fortunate to come back here with the organization that gave me my start," Bickerstaff said. "I'm excited about the prospect of getting things done here."

Bickerstaff stepped down as general manager of the Denver Nuggets to return to Washington, where he worked the sideline with head coach Dick Motta when the Bullets won their only NBA championship in 1978.

Wes Unseld, who played center for that team, is currently the Bullets' general manager and the man most responsible for bringing Bickerstaff back to Washington.

"This is not a buddy-hire," Unseld insisted. "I was looking for someone with the ability to handle talented players and get them to perform. I had the opportunity to get what I think is a pretty doggone good coach, and I took it."

After his first tenure with the Bullets, Bickerstaff was hired to coach the Seattle SuperSonics after receiving a glowing recommendation from Bullets owner Abe Pollin. The Sonics finished 20 games under .500 in Bickerstaff's first season, but reached the Western Conference finals in the second of his five seasons there.

Bickerstaff has a 261-276 record in six full seasons and parts of two others as an NBA head coach.

Rainbows Sundberg lacerates spleen

Another bad blow struck the University of Hawaii basketball team on Monday when starting center Seth Sundberg was hospitalized with a lacerated spleen.

Sundberg will undergo testing at The Queen's Medical Center for the next week, after which doctors will determine whether surgery is necessary, coach Riley Wallace said.

Should surgery be required, Sundberg could miss the rest of the season.

The 7-foot-2 Sundberg was injured in Saturday's victory over Air Force when he took an elbow to his ribs that caused internal bleeding.

The 'Bows (16-4, 8-2) will sorely miss Sundberg, the team's tallest player, when they leave Tuesday for games Thursday at Wyoming and Saturday at Colorado State.

His loss comes at a time when UH already is playing without three suspended reserve players, who were given indefinite suspensions for unspecified violations of the student-athlete handbook.

Russian wrestling coach gunned down

Viktor Lysenko, a Russian wrestling coach who helped Magometkhan Gamzatkhonov win a Greco-Roman world title, was gunned down in what appeared to be a gangland-style murder, according a news report.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said today that Lysenko was killed Monday night when he was hit by several bullets at the entrance to an apartment building in Tula, south of Moscow. He was deputy chairman of the Dinamo sports society and also ran a restaurant owned by Gamzatkhonov.

A week ago, a gang leader and his driver were found dead near the restaurant. Russian mobsters have fought violent turf battles in recent years, with many businessmen falling victim.

Parcells officially named Jets' coach for 1997

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In hiring their fifth new coach in five years, the New York Jets put on a bizarre show reminiscent of the team they put on the field the past few seasons.

But they finally got Bill Parcells — without giving up the first pick in April's draft.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue brokered a deal between the Jets and New England Patriots on Monday that will allow Parcells to coach the team

immediately without spending a year in the nebulous position of "consultant."

New England gets four draft picks — the Jets' third and fourth this year, second in 1998 and first in 1999. The Jets get Parcells, who coached the Patriots to the AFC title last season and the Giants to NFL championships in 1986 and 1990.

"We're very happy. The commissioner did a hell of a job," said Leon Hess, the Jets' 82-year-old owner, who made a rare public appearance.

It's Parcells who shows up now — officially the

Jets' coach and chief operating officer, a position would have had to wait a year to take had the Jets not compensated the Patriots.

He's the fifth coach in five years, counting the day tenure of Bill Belichick, Parcells' long-time right-hand man who last Tuesday was named 1997 coach while the Patriots and Jets haggled over Parcells. Belichick now moves over to assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

Parcells arrives with a contract to coach for four years, and perhaps five.

Robinson, Ali honored as part of '97 ESPY's

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two pioneering black athletes were honored on the ESPY awards show, more for their influence outside the arena than for their sporting achievements.

Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson and boxer Muhammad Ali were given special tributes Monday during the fifth annual ESPY awards, a made-for-TV event usually dominated by jocks struggling to make jokes.

Comedian Bill Cosby, in his first live television appearance since his son Ennis was killed, saluted Robinson on the 50th anniversary of the former Brooklyn Dodger's breaking of the baseball color line.

Cosby beckoned the applauding Radio City Music Hall crowd to sit down when he took the stage. "Hello, friends," he said.

"His accomplishments have inspired everyone, from a Little League slugger to the president of the United States," Cosby said of Robinson, introducing a taped statement from President Clinton.

Cosby was warmly hugged by Robinson's widow, Rachel, and thanked for his support of the late baseball star's scholarship fund. Robinson was the first black Hall of Famer in addition to being the first black major leaguer.

Ali, slowed by Parkinson's Syndrome, was given the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage.

The former heavyweight champion was honored for his refusal to be inducted into the military during the Vietnam War, an action for which he was vilified three decades ago.

"When he refused to fight in Vietnam, he paid a price emotionally, financially and professionally," actor Sidney Poitier said. "Isn't that what courage is all about — the willingness to fight for what one believes in, and



AP Photo

THE CHAMP: Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage at Monday night's ESPY awards.

for what is right no matter what the cost?"

Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard and Olympic sprinting champion Michael Johnson both saluted Ali when picking up their own awards.

"I love you very much," Howard said. "I love what you've done. I love what you stand for."

The awards show celebrated memorable sports moments of the past year like Dwight Gooden's no-hitter, Ohio State's last-minute Rose Bowl victory and Kerri Strug's Olympic vault into history.

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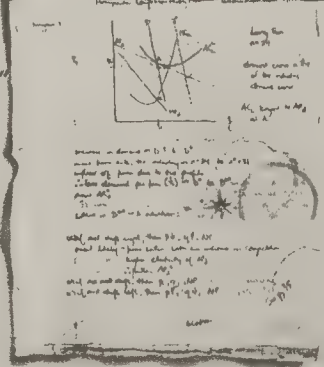
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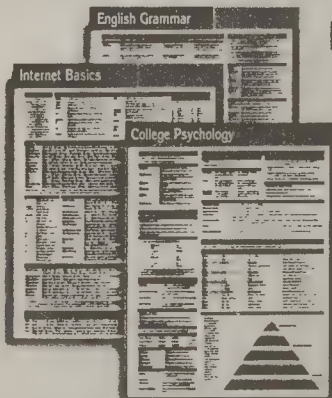
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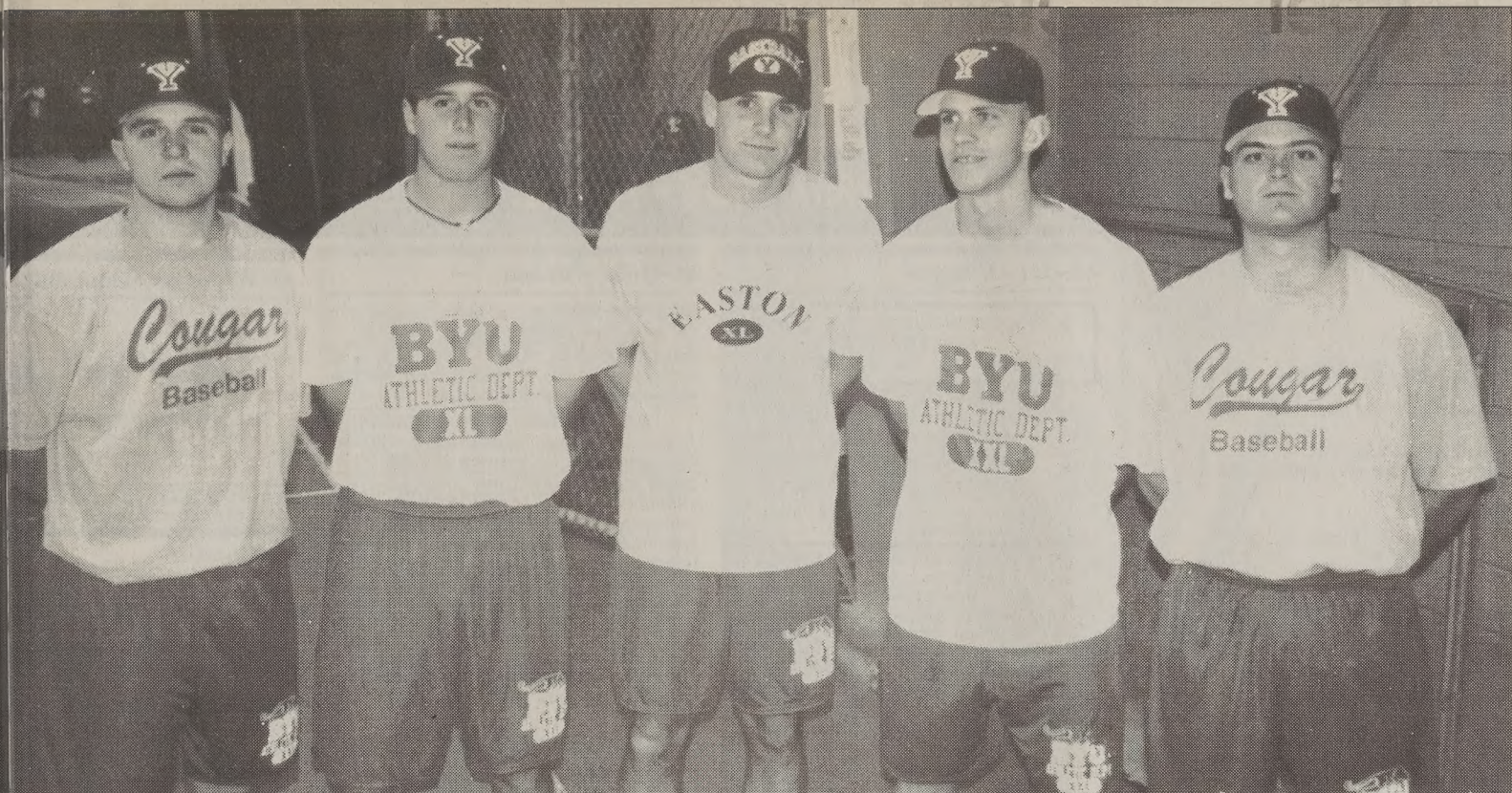
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FIAB FIVE: The 1997 BYU baseball team features five players who played together at Taylorsville High School in Taylorsville, Utah. From left (L-R) are catcher Joseph Johanson, right-handed pitchers

Brett McDermaid and Craig Smith, left-handed pitcher Jeff Stone, and second baseman Glen Spencer. The five accounted for four high school state championships between them.

Taylorsville graduates bring experience, successful background to BYU baseball

By CHRIS BLUTH
Universe Sports Writer

Whether it has to do with the high school or the little league teams, Taylorsville gets into the game early. The tradition holds true at BYU, where the five players who played together at Taylorsville High School are all players on the Cougar baseball team who played at Taylorsville High School.

The five players make up a big percentage of the team, and have a successful background getting them to where they are now. They know how to win and they know how to lose. They are an excellent program, and they are a good high school program. It is natural for us to go to Taylorsville.

McDermaid and Stone were recruited by BYU right out of high school. McDermaid started playing baseball when he was six and was a good player. He won at an early age. Taylorsville is a good program. It has a lot of little leagues; the coaches are well coached. McDermaid and Stone are taught to win at an early age. That's the bottom line. McDermaid is a right-handed pitcher who was All-WAC as a

freshman and was named to the Mizuno Freshman All-American squad last year. Last season McDermaid was a closer, and this year he will be a starter.

"McDermaid has an assortment of good pitches, and he is a pivotal guy on how successful our team will be," Pullins said.

Stone also feels the success of players from Taylorsville High School begins at an early age.

"Little league programs in Taylorsville are awesome. Everyone plays, and the coaching is good at all levels," Stone said. Stone is a left-handed pitcher, and led Taylorsville-High School to a state championship last year. He was named Gatorade Player of the Year and expects to have another successful year when he gets on the mound for BYU.

"He has the making for not just a good, but a great college pitcher, and a draftable kind of guy," Pullins said.

Other Taylorsville recruits haven't begun their college careers at BYU. Glen Spencer and Craig Smith both went to UVSC before playing for the Cougars, and Joseph Johanson went to Snow College.

As a freshman Spencer played

second base, and as a sophomore he played short-stop for the Wolverines.

"Spencer was a starting left-fielder for us last year and had a very good year," Pullins said.

Spencer is now a senior and will be back in his natural position at second base.

"A baseball coach loves a guy like Spencer. He wants to be playing the game, and he's around it all the time; it's a big part of his life," Pullins said.

"Everybody in Taylorsville wants to win. I don't know what it is, you just have to get taught in order to win," said Spencer. "When it comes to crucial situations, the players who have played in crucial situations and have won championships just handle pressure a little easier. We really learned this at Taylorsville because we won all the time."

Spencer is looking to win the conference, the WAC tournament, an NCAA Regional, and to go to Omaha to play in the World Series.

"If we set our goals to the team winning our conference and play to our top potential, all the individual stats, awards, and people getting drafted will fall into place,"

Spencer said.

As a freshman Smith pitched as a closer, and his sophomore year he was a starter and a closer. Smith came to BYU his junior year, and led the team in saves.

"Smith was used mainly as a closer, but this year we will probably use him exclusively as our relief pitcher," Pullins said.

Smith began playing baseball when he was eight, and said "everybody wanted to play baseball because it was so competitive. Every game to us was big, we expected to win, and were coached on how to win."

"As a relief pitcher I don't know when I am going to play. I just hope I am mentally prepared to do my job when I get the chance," Smith said.

Johanson is a solid offensive player who basically led the nation in RBI's at Snow College last year.

"He can hit like heck," Pullins said. "Johanson will catch for us some this year, but right now he is more an offensive player than defensive."

The Cougars will begin their year with a pair of seven-inning, non-conference double-headers at Southern Utah University on Friday and Saturday at noon.

Texas two-step for Y women

By CHARLENE SPRINGER
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU women's basketball travels to Texas this week to take on WAC rivals Texas Christian University Thursday at 7 p.m. and Southern Methodist University Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Cougars were unable to pick up a win in either game they played last week; they fell to the U of U and to the University of Wyoming.

BYU head coach Soni Adams said the team was disappointed by the outcome of the games, but they are learning from their mistakes. "Our biggest strength right now is that we're getting a more balanced attack," said Adams. "We're getting our posts more involved."

The Cougars are currently ranked sixth in the WAC. They have a 7-15 overall record and a 4-7 WAC record.

BYU met TCU earlier this season in the Marriott Center and came away with a 99-91 victory. The 98 points BYU scored is the season high for the Cougars.

The Cougars have also already met the Mustangs of SMU this season. BYU was unable to get a victory from SMU and lost the game, 85-62.

SMU is currently ranked third in the WAC with a 14-9, 8-4 record. They are led by Kim Brandl who averages 16.4 points and 5 rebound per game.

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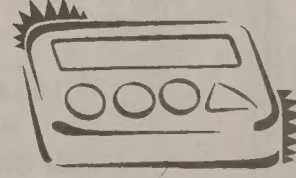
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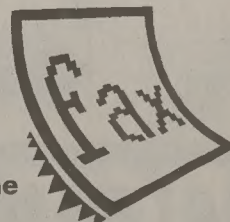
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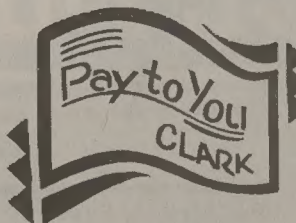
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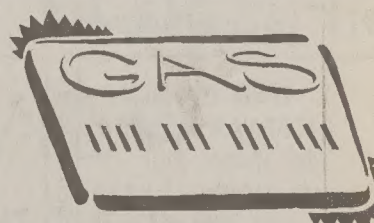
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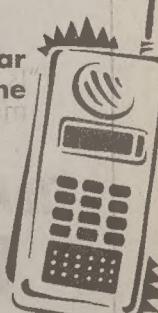


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Closure eminent in O.J. trial

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — So this is how it ends, a jury with no regrets, a former football star with no money, and two families with little joy.

On Monday jurors decided Simpson should pay \$25 million in punitive damages to the heirs of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Monday's award came on top of the \$8.5 million in compensatory damages meted out Feb. 4 for Goldman's parents.

Even by the plaintiffs' own evidence, that's more than double what Simpson is worth. And Simpson says he doesn't have the money to pay.

At a post-verdict news conference, six jurors and two alternates spoke of decisions made after 17 hours of deliberations over five days for both phases. The criminal trial jury took just four hours in October 1995 to acquit Simpson.

"Finding O.J. Simpson liable of the murders and acting with oppression and malice was one of the easiest decisions I have ever had to make," said juror Laura Fast-Khazae, 27.

Juror Deena Lynn Mullen, 40, disagreed with the notion that Simpson got nailed because the civil trial jury used the preponderance of evidence standard, rather than the beyond a reasonable doubt standard used at the criminal trial.

"What I needed to be able to walk out of that room was not just a reasonable doubt, but beyond a shadow of a doubt and I was willing to stay there for a month if that's what it took to answer all of those questions for myself," she said.

The \$33.5 million in total damages dwarfs the \$15.7 million that plaintiffs estimated Simpson is worth, based on the predicted \$3 million he stands to make every year for selling his name, likeness and trademark.

The estimate is important because by law creditors can garnish up to 25 percent of future wages. The \$25 million punitive award is to be split evenly between Goldman's parents and Ms. Simpson's children.

Before the plaintiffs can claim their money, the judge must decide whether the awards are reasonable, or inflated by irrational passions.



AP Photo

O.J. NOT SMILING: O.J. Simpson arrives at the Los Angeles county Superior court House Thursday for the conclusion of the closing arguments. The jury ordered O.J. Simpson to pay \$25 million as punishment for the slayings of his ex-wife and Ronald Goldman.

He can pare them down if he chooses.

Simpson also could appeal, but that would not let him postpone payment. Bankruptcy is another possibility, but it would not allow Simpson to avoid his debts.

Marjorie Fuller, the court-appointed lawyer for Ms. Simpson's two children, said Tuesday that she did not expect the civil verdict to change a judge's decision awarding Simpson custody of Justin and Sydney.

The judge had concluded that the

results of the civil trial would have no effect on the case, she said, adding that Simpson was a good father to his two younger children.

"As of Sunday afternoon, when I talked to the children, they were happy to be with him, they were comfortable," Fuller told NBC's "Today" show. "They had no fear certainly of their father and their father's family, and I can't see that the result would be changed any by the civil verdict."

Hearings for CIA director postponed for 2nd time

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee again postponed confirmation hearings for CIA director-designate Anthony Lake Tuesday, citing information about meetings between Lake aides and a foreign donor to the Democratic Party.

Signaling new troubles for a nominee already facing Republican opposition, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the committee chairman, said Lake's confirmation hearing will be postponed by two weeks, from Feb. 25 to March 11. It is the second time Shelby has postponed Lake's appearance before the committee.

"Detailed questions given to Mr. Lake in mid-January by the committee have yet to be answered," Shelby said. "These questions relate to

National Security Council contacts with foreign political fund-raisers, energy stock divestitures, divestiture requirements, potential conflicts of interest, Iran-Bosnia, Chinese missile exports to Pakistan, counter-terrorism and Sudan and Somalia."

While most of the issues listed by Shelby have already been extensively discussed by committee members and White House aides, the reference to foreign political fund-raisers meeting with NSC officials was new.

The charge appears to draw Lake into a problem that has bedeviled the White House and senior Democratic Party officials for months, stemming from White House and DNC admissions that the party accepted and later returned some contributions from foreign nationals contrary to law prohibiting the practice.

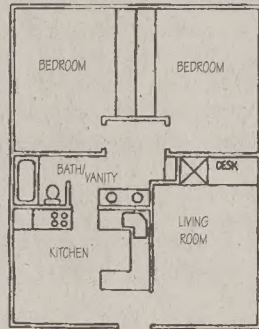
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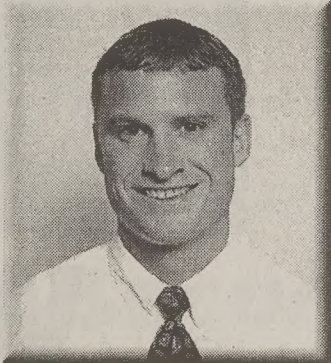


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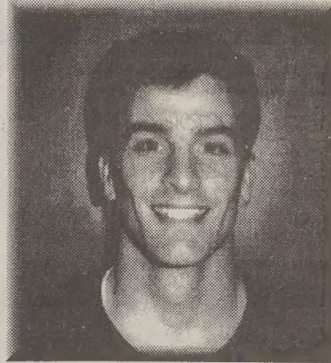
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Overpass proposal rises to the Senate

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Senate advanced a bill Tuesday that would allocate nearly \$4 million to build overpasses on the Bangerter Highway, but even its sponsor agrees the bill as written is a pipe dream.

The Senate voted 18-7 to advance the bill sponsored by Sen. Millie Peterson, D-West Valley. But most members of the GOP leadership and the Senate's budget-builders voted against it, while lauding its intent.

Indeed, the one thing that would make Peterson's bill meaningful is the very thing that will likely spell its demise: A hefty \$4 million price tag.

"The newspapers have said that this is my pork bill," Peterson said. "I disagree, I think this is a safety issue."

In recent weeks, at least one fatal accident has occurred on the Bangerter Highway, a major north-south artery that dissects the western Salt Lake Valley. But, according to Sen. Eddie Mayne, D-West Valley, the Utah Department of Transportation "made mistakes" while building some of the early portions of the six-lane thoroughfare. It neglected to build overpasses at five major intersections.

That problem, he said, was corrected during later construction. Overpasses can be found on the southernmost portions of the road.

"And I say that if they made a mistake, they should take care of it,"

Mayne said. "It's a mess out there."

Peterson agreed, pointing out that the Granite School District is so concerned about the speeding traffic it buses elementary school children across the road. "The older kids have to fend for themselves," she said. "I guess they can run faster."

Some elderly residents have stopped attending church because they can't move fast enough to cross the road. Traffic lights hold cars for just 32 seconds, during which pedestrians are expected to dodge cars making right turns, and cross what amounts to nine lanes of traffic.

Peterson acknowledged that UDOT has other priorities, including the massive reconstruction of Interstate 15 and some east-side residents clamoring for noise walls along I-215.

But she said that Bangerter Highway should take precedence, since the I-15 construction will push even more traffic to the west. "And noise never killed anybody," she said.

Bill opponents said the UDOT highway commission must be trusted to give priority to such projects. And spending \$4 million from the General Fund — 80 percent of the money available for new programs this year — just isn't feasible.

The bill will come up for final consideration by the Senate on Wednesday. If it passes both chambers, it will have to compete for funding along with dozens of other new measures.

Talks begin in Peru hostage crisis

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — A Tupac Amaru rebel leader left the Japanese ambassador's residence Tuesday for the first time in Peru's hostage crisis, traveling across the street for talks about freeing 72 captives.

Roli Rojas Fernandez, the leftist group's second-in-command, was believed to be inside in a Red Cross car that made the short ride across the road. But it was impossible to see inside the car's windows, which were tinted.

The white sedan, with Red Cross markings, slowly drove up to the Japanese residence. It then drove across the street to the house where talks were to be held.

Rojas Fernandez was to meet with the government's chief negotiator, Education Minister Domingo Palermo, and four independent mediators.

At stake will be the fate of 72 hostages, held inside the residence since guerrillas stormed the building on Dec. 17.

The first to arrive for Tuesday's talks were mediators Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani and Red Cross representative Michel Minnig, who expressed optimism.

In a joint statement they said they were hopeful "that a peaceful solution ... may be reached as soon as possible with total respect for the life and human dignity of all the hostages."

Minnig and Cipriani, wearing his priestly vestments, entered the residence to celebrate Mass before the talks began.

President Alberto Fujimori, in London attending a forum on British investment in Latin America, was somewhat optimistic Tuesday.

"Even if we are not negotiating about releasing prisoners or paying a ransom, there is still room for working with the imagination and in that way we can find a solution," Fujimori



ON GUARD: Peruvian policemen are stationed near the residence of Japan's ambassador to Peru, where Tupac Amaru rebels have been holding hostages since Dec. 17. Talks to decide the fate of the 72 remaining hostages began Tuesday. Rebels warned Monday they will not back down.

said. But the rebels warned Monday they are in no mood to abandon their main demand that hundreds of their jailed comrades be released. Fujimori adamantly refuses to trade prisoners for hostages.

"The start of talks will not necessarily be the beginning of a solution to the conflict overall if the government does not pay attention to our demands," rebel leader Nestor Cerpa said via shortwave radio Monday.

The Tupac Amaru rebels last met face-to-face with Palermo on Dec. 28. Since then, talks have stalled because of the impasse over rebel insistence that their comrades be freed. The sides have exchanged messages through intermediaries.

Ecuador confronts constitution crisis

Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — President Rosalia Arteaga clouded Ecuador's political landscape again today, insisting that the constitution be amended before she agrees to let Congress name her replacement.

Arteaga was promoted Sunday from vice president to quell a government crisis. But she has nearly caused another by saying she would not leave office until the country's constitution was changed.

"I think they're preparing a new coup against the constitution," she said Tuesday in an interview with CNN. She called it "a very dangerous precedent."

Because the constitution makes no provisions for an interim leader, Arteaga says it had to be amended before Congress could elect an interim leader to replace her.

On Monday night, Arteaga's advisers said she had agreed to adhere to the military-backed plan for her to step down when Congress names a new chief executive.

Congress ousted the flamboyant Bucaram — known as El Loco, or "the crazy one" — for "mental incapacity," accusing him of corruption, nepotism and embarrassing behavior during his six months in office.

For a month Ecuador had seen violent street protests against Bucaram, whose austerity measures sharply raised utilities and other costs. A 48-hour nationwide labor strike preceded Bucaram's dismissal Thursday.

The threat of no one leading the country sparked fears of a possible military coup. So Ecuador's powerful armed forces persuaded Congress to appoint Arteaga temporarily until legislators could elect an interim president.

The interim leader is to call elections within a year and govern until a new president takes office in 1998.

But on Monday Arteaga challenged the terms of her appointment. Her position drew fire from lawmakers,

with conservative Congressman Heinz Moeller accusing her of trying to "usurp power without popular and legal support."

A private meeting with the high military command, however, changed Arteaga's mind.

"Congress' decision will be respected. That does not mean we do not continue to maintain that such a decision by Congress is unconstitutional," Fausto Jaramillo, an adviser to Arteaga, said in a news conference. "We don't want the country convulsed again."

The congressional leader, Alarcon, called Arteaga's change of mind "a very positive step."

The military's influential role in resolving Ecuador's crisis reflects a trend in Latin America, where popularly elected governments have replaced military juntas, but armed forces play a powerful role in propelling up democracy.

Still the final arbiters of power in Ecuador and most other Latin nations, the military is much more likely to wield power from behind the scenes, stepping in only when economic and political institutions are at great risk.

Nevertheless, Arteaga's challenge to Congress' authority rekindled fears of a possible military takeover.

"A coup cannot be discounted," Benjamin Ortiz, editor of the newspaper Hoy and a key player in the negotiations to resolve the political crisis, said in an interview.

"I heard a military commander say: 'We have tried our best to respect the constitution, but if this political problem becomes a problem of national security or survival of the state, regrettably we will have to take other steps.'"

The armed forces last ruled Ecuador from 1972 to 1979. Before last year's presidential elections, there were strong rumors armed forces chief Gen. Paco Moncayo was so disgusted with Ecuador's political leaders that he was considering seizing power himself.

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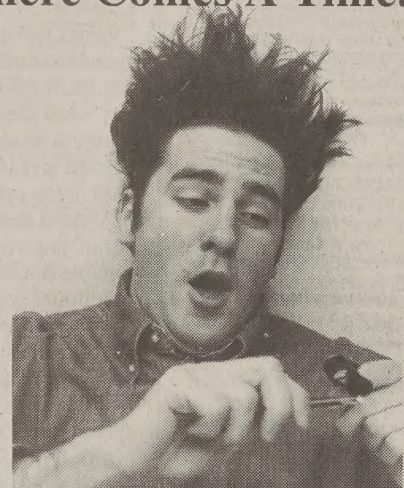
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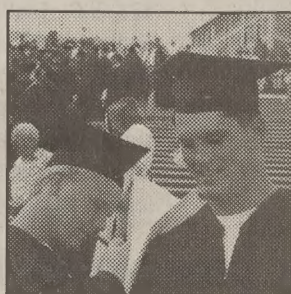
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